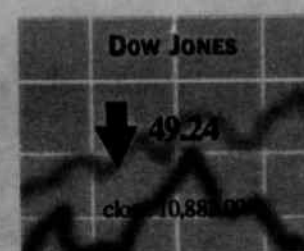


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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1999

## A call for action

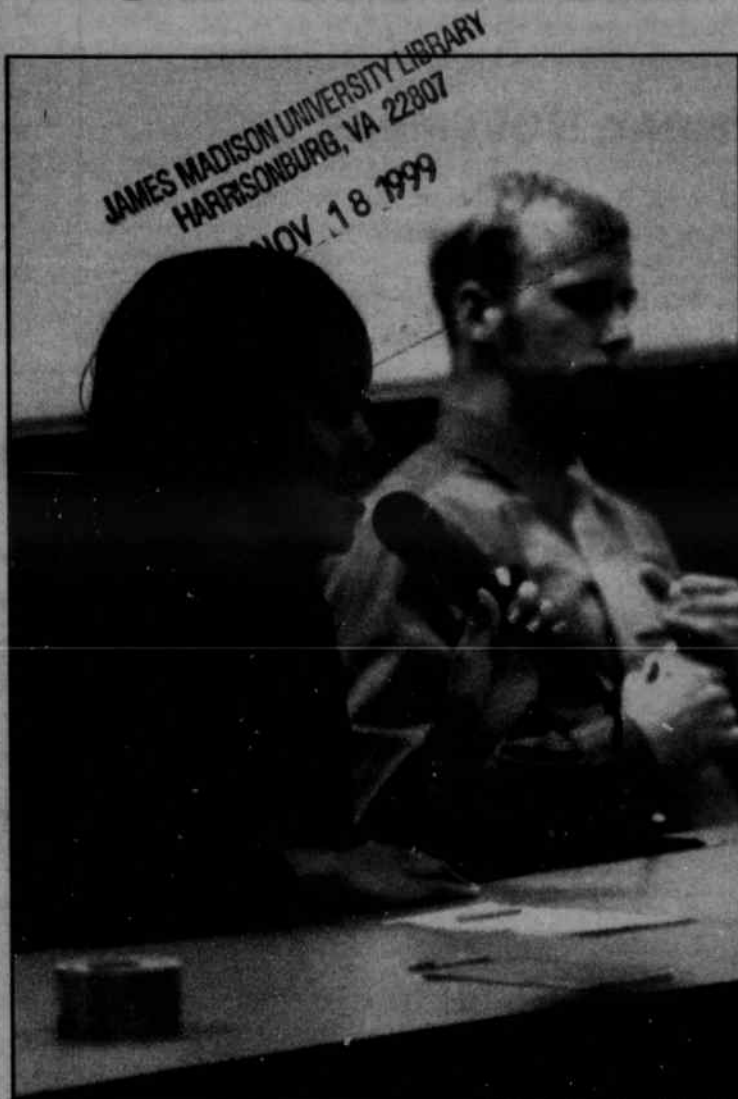
*Panel wants mere talk of diversity to end*

**BRIAN WESTLEY**  
Assistant news editor

Opinions on how to improve cultural relations at JMU were the focus of the Student Government Association's third annual panel on diversity, and students in attendance said the time has come to stop talking about it and take action.

About 100 students, faculty and administrators were in attendance in the loft in Warren Hall for "Diversity at JMU: An Open Panel Discussion." Seven panel members fielded a handful of questions from Zebulun Davenport, director of Multicultural Student Services, that had been anonymously submitted to the panel.

The panelists were chosen from a pool of applicants, and included graduate student Jake Adams, founder of the BAHAI religious organization at JMU; sophomore Mike Flaherty, SGA secretary; senior Ariel Gonzalez, president of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity; sophomore Brad Palmer, SGA director of class government; senior Stephen Roberts,

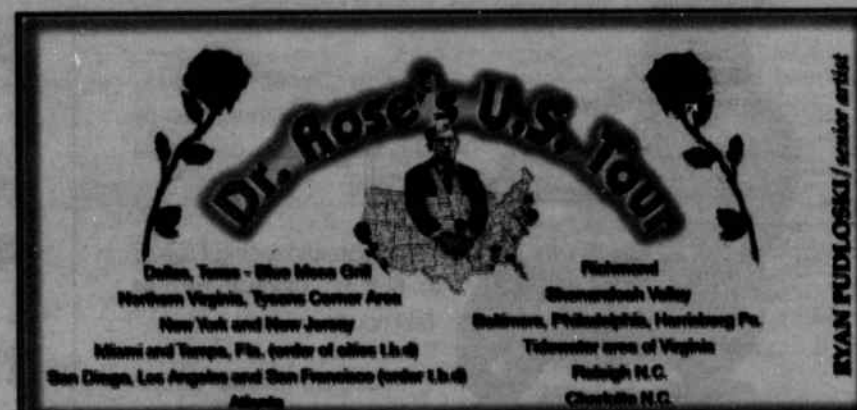


Shavalyea Wyatt (l) and other Multicultural Panel members discuss state of diversity at JMU on Tuesday night in Warren Hall.

president of the Asian Student Union; junior Stephanie Vaughan, social chair of the Black Student Alliance; and senior Shavalyea Wyatt, president of Students for

Minority Outreach. Advertisements for panelists were placed in *The Breeze*, as well as on WXJM,

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## On the Road

Rose is traveling intermittently on a U.S. tour to talk money with alums

**GINA MONTEFUSCO**  
News editor

JMU President Linwood Rose is taking his act on the road.

Rose kicked off the first Presidential Tour in August and has since been traveling to talk to alumni about JMU and fundraising. His 18-stop tour will last at least until April 2000, although it may be extended if it's successful.

Rose's first stop was in Dallas on Aug. 30 and he went to Northern Virginia on Nov. 10. Future stops include New York, Miami, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Atlanta, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Raleigh, N.C., Charlotte, N.C. and some areas of Virginia. At each stop, the JMU Alumni Association hosts a reception where Rose first talks and mingles with the alums before speaking about his goals for JMU.

"We had over 200 people at the reception in Northern Virginia last

Wednesday evening and I think they greatly appreciated the visit," Rose said. "Numerous people indicated that they had not had any university involvement in some time, but they used the visit as a stimulus for re-engaging. It also gives me a chance to learn about what is important to alumni."

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations is playing a central role in the tour. Mitchell Moore, vice president of development, came up with the idea for a tour based on similar ones at other colleges and his work at other schools. Moore said several other Virginia colleges, including the University of Virginia and the University of Richmond have their presidents out on tour.

"It's not unusual for a president of a highly regarded university to spend some time out on the road taking the message about the good things going on at JMU," Moore said. "It is becoming more and

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## 4 Greek groups guilty of keg violations

**BRIAN WESTLEY**  
Assistant news editor

Four Greek organizations violated JMU's Greek Life alcohol policy by having about 10 kegs of beer at a four-way party at Melrose Caverns on Nov. 5.

Melrose, a building that is frequently rented out by organizations for parties, is

located about five miles north of Harrisonburg on Route 11.

The organizations involved were Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Sigma Alpha. They were sanctioned at a hearing held last night that was closed to the public.

Kristin Radcliffe, associate director of Student Organization Services, described the

situation as uncomfortable and disappointing, but would not reveal what the specific sanctions were. She said, however, that the organizations are still active members of the Greek system.

Sigma Chi President Thad Wise said the sanctions were serious enough that the organizations at the keg party will need to spend time educating

their members about alcohol abuse.

Zeta Tau Alpha President Melanie DeCostanzo said the four organizations will bring in speakers and sponsor educational programs about alcohol abuse.

In addition, the organizations have been placed on social probation for the remainder of the semester. This means

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## NEWS

### Singing Their Praises

More than 900 people attended the first "All-campus Prayer and Praise" on Sunday, putting their denominations aside for God. **Page 3**

### Feeling Your 'Roots'

The Roots, right, shook the campus Sunday at the UPB-sponsored event, which also included Infectious Organisms and Love & Special Sauce. **Pages 20-21**



### Bright Lights, Big City

The JMU football team takes its act and 8-2 record to Hofstra (N.Y.) on Saturday to face the fourth-ranked Flying Dutchmen in the last game of the regular season. **Page 27**

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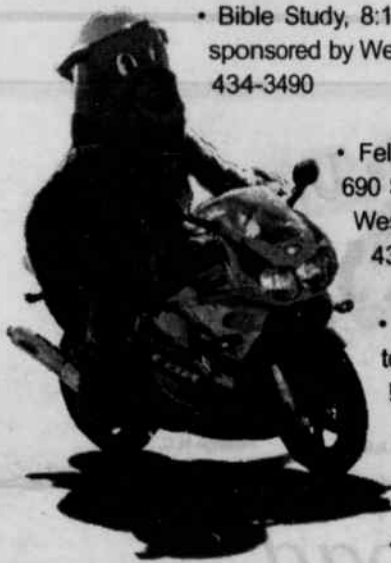
### I've Got a Question, or 62

Columnist Courtney Crowley has a lot on her mind. She has a lot of questions, too, as you'll see. **Page 11**



# DUKE DAYS EVENTS CALENDAR

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18



• Bible Study, 8:15 p.m., 690 S. Mason St., sponsored by Wesley Foundation, call Ben at 434-3490

• Fellowship Dinner, 5:30 p.m., 690 S. Mason St., sponsored by Wesley Foundation, call Ben at 434-3490

• JMU Breakdancing Club, 6 to 8 p.m., Godwin racquet ball courts

• Young Democratic Socialists meeting, 8 p.m., Taylor 302, call Aaron at 433-6411

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

• JMU Breakdancing Club, 6 to 8 p.m., UREC aerobic studio

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

• JMU Encore Series, "Last of the Red Hot Lovers," starring Gary Burghoff, who was Radar in M\*A\*S\*H, 8 p.m., Wilson Hall Auditorium, tickets are \$12, \$21 and \$23, call x7000

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

• JMU Wind Symphony Concert, 3 p.m., Wilson Hall Auditorium, tickets are \$6 and \$8, call x7000

• Mass, PC Ballroom, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., CCM House (1052 S. Main St.), 9 p.m., sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry

## POLICE LOG

**MELISSA FORREST**  
police reporter

An undetermined number of student fans mounted the west end zone goal post at Bridgeforth Stadium on Nov. 13 at 3:10 p.m. and rocked it until it collapsed.

They carried it onto the field, disassembled it, carried the various pieces off the field and reportedly threw several pieces into Newman Lake. One piece was reportedly hauled away in a Jeep.

In other matters, campus police report the following:

### Alleged Sexual Assault

• A female non-student was found on the ground near the JMU Pavilion on Nov. 14 at 9:46 p.m., after attending a concert at the Convocation Center.

The rescue squad was called, but it was determined that the subject was sleeping and not in medical danger.

ical danger.

She reportedly refused medical attention and was transported to jail, where she later made allegations of being a victim of sexual assault somewhere between the Convocation Center and the Pavilion.

The subject reportedly didn't cooperate with investigators and provided conflicting information with no details and would not submit to a medical/evidentiary examination. It is an exam that gathers evidence from a possible crime.

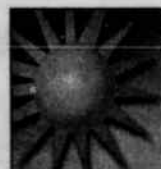
The subject later told police she was experiencing a flashback.

### Underage Possession of Alcohol

• Terin B. Vivian, 19, of Dahlgren, was arrested and charged with underage possession of alcohol on Nov. 13 at 1:08 a.m. on Newman Drive near Greek Row.

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## WEATHER



**Today**  
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Saturday	Cloudy w/ rain	55	38
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# 'I say a little prayer for you'

## 'All-campus Prayer and Praise' draws more than 900 worshippers

**KRISTEN PETRO**  
Staff writer

Wilson Hall was filled with about 900 voices of prayer and praise as several of JMU's religious organizations came together for unified worship Sunday night.

Although many campus religious organizations have weekly prayer and praise events, Sunday night's "All-campus Prayer and Praise" was the first time the groups joined together.

"There's a lot of divide in the church and it's not good," said junior Jeff Soplop, "All-campus Prayer and Praise" organizer and a member of Campus Crusade for Christ. "Our goal was not to be distinguished by group tonight but to come together as the body of Christ."

The night was a mix of music, song and prayer. The evening began when the Praise Band appeared on stage and a wave of enthusiasm rippled through the crowd. The Praise Band is made up of members from Crusade, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IV) and Agape Christian Fellowship.

The seven-member band, which features vocalists, drummers and guitarists

played upbeat praises throughout the evening.

"To see the unity of all of the Christian organizations on campus and to have this many people together praising God is just awesome," junior IV member Geoff Stenger said.

Soplop called the evening "a dream come true." "Isn't God incredible," Soplop said as he looked at the crowd. "I can't tell you how very overjoyed I am to see so many people out there worshipping the Lord together."

The crowd broke into groups of five to 10 people for group prayer. Students were able to share their concerns and prayer requests with new friends.

"I met so many different people here tonight," sophomore IV member Robin Spicer said.

Soplop encouraged the group to pray for unity at JMU. "There are thousands of lost students at JMU and millions of people in the world that need God," he said. "Create a spirit of love at JMU."

The evening also featured a special performance by members of the Contemporary Gospel Singers and Impact.

"There's a part in Revelation that talks

about all of the people that love Christ coming together to worship and praise him," sophomore IV member Sarah Livingston said. "The best part of tonight is being able to have a small part of that

*"I can't tell you how very overjoyed I am to see so many people out there worshipping the Lord together."*

**Jeff Soplop**

'All-campus Prayer and Praise' organizer

and being with so many other people that love Christ and aren't afraid to show it. There are so many places in the world where you can be killed for just talking about God."

Soplop said he hopes that the "All-campus Prayer and Praise" will help to unite JMU religious organizations. "God

was so present," he said. "His spirit was so evident."

Last summer Soplop began praying about an event that would bring the groups together.

"I came back to school and talked to one of my roommates and he had been praying about the same thing," Soplop said. "I live with members of Campus Crusade, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and Young Life, so we had a pretty good start. I told my roommate that I would try to get Wilson and then see what God does."

Soplop worked with the Praise Band and depended on word of mouth to publicize the event.

"God took care of the details," Soplop said. "It's great that so many people came out tonight but I would have been happy if only 50 people came. Tonight wasn't about numbers. It was about people being willing to come out of comfort zones and pray with people they never met."

Students said they enjoyed the event.

"It was an awesome opportunity to have various campus ministries get together and worship one God with their whole hearts," junior IV and Crusade member Megan Miller said.

# Food carries too much weight, dietician says in workshop

**KRISTEN PETRO**  
Staff writer

An eating disorder specialist and nationally known speaker spoke to a mostly female audience of about 200 about the facts of dieting and obesity on Tuesday night.

Registered dietitian Karin Kratina presented "A Body to Die For: Myths, Realities and Consequences of the Quest for Perfection." The workshop was sponsored by the Department of Health Sciences and the JMU Dietetic Association as part of the Nancy Powell Hardaway Speakers Series.

Kratina began with some of society's misconceptions about obesity. "Prejudice against fat people is the last socially accepted form of prejudice," she said. "What do you think when you see a fat person eating a lot versus a thin person eating a lot? In our society as long as it doesn't show, you are allowed to eat a lot of food."

Kratina spoke about the unrealistic aspirations that many young women have to look like models. The average model is 23 percent thinner than the average woman, she said.

After showing slides of very thin models and actresses, Kratina asked the group to think about what it takes for these women to look the way that they do.

"Demi Moore worked out five and a half hours a day for her role in the movie 'Indecent Proposal,'" Kratina said. "How many of you have time to drop out of school, quit your job and do that?"

Kratina also showed slides of past sex symbols Marilyn Monroe and Sophia Loren. At the height of their careers both women were about 30 percent body fat, a percent considered too high by many people in today's culture, she said.

There is a wide range of what is considered a healthy normal weight, Kratina said.

Kratina questioned why so many people look at models in magazines to see reality.

"If you want to know what reality is, take a look next to you," she said.

Kratina challenged students to stop obsessing over food.

"There is no such thing as a good food or a bad food," she said. "Food is neutral. No food is corrupt. Food guilt is rampant in our

culture. I would like to challenge you all to never use the terms good food and bad food again."

Kratina explained the cycle of restricting and then binging.

"When you obsess about what you can't have and you cut it out of your life, you will want it more," she said.

The more and more restrictive a diet is, the more and more shame and guilt a dieter feels and the more likely the dieter is to binge and end up fatter in the long run.

Kratina said fat is not a feeling and encouraged them to look behind the negative feelings when "feeling fat."

"It's not about the fat, it's about the thoughts you put into the fat that make you feel uncomfortable," Kratina said.

Students reacted positively to Kratina's message.

"I came tonight because I'm a dietetics major," senior Lisa Hamlett said. "I think a lot more people need to hear this."

Junior Christy Hartford agreed.

"Personally I know a lot of people who have gone through problems with how they look," Hartford said. "All of us go



KATIE RELIHAN/contributing photographer

**Dietician Karin Kratina discussed eating disorders and social prejudice about obesity in a workshop Tuesday night.**

through stages of not being satisfied with our body in some way. I think what she said can really help."

Senior Ashley Hutchison said, "I thought it was very reaffirming to know that you don't have to fit an ideal because there is no ideal. Everyone is different. I like how she talked about how our bodies do such great things."

Danielle Torisky, assistant health science/dietetics profes-

sor, said she hopes that the presentation will give students the ability to relax about their food choices and to see food as something to enjoy in life.

"Food has always been something that nourishes us," Torisky said. "If you are engaged in nourishing yourself in all aspects of life you can return food to its proper perspective."

Kratina began speaking to college students in 1991.



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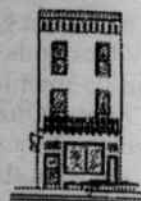
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# Alumna talks alternative medicine

*One of Time's Most Influential People in 1998 returns to JMU as Visiting Scholar*

**FRANK SMITH**  
contributing writer

Monday night, Marcia Angell, Interim Editor-in-Chief of *The New England Journal of Medicine* and a JMU alumna, presented a lecture on alternative medicine to more than 200 students, faculty and guests as part of the university's Visiting Scholar program.

Dr. Angell began her lecture by reflecting on her return to JMU.

"It is a terrific pleasure to be back at JMU," said Angell, who was named one of *Time's* 25 most influential people last year.

"When I was here at Madison College in 1960, it was a sleepy school unknown outside of Virginia. Now, JMU is known throughout the country as a vibrant, energetic institution," Angell said.

Angell said she believed she received a better education at Madison College than her daughters have at Harvard and Yale due to Madison's close teacher-student relationships.

She believes these relationships are still intact today at JMU.

Angell's lecture focused on three main questions of alternative medicine: What

is alternative medicine, why is it sweeping the country in a time of great scientific progress and why is there no resistance to alternative medicine from the scientific and medical communities?

"Alternative medicine is hard to define," Angell said. "It is linked together by many common traits."

Alternative medicine is traditionally from Eastern cultures and it emphasizes the power of nature while being simultaneously more potent and less toxic than traditional medicine.

Next, Angell questioned why alternative medicine is sweeping the nation amid a time of great scientific progress, answering that much of alternative medicine's popularity can be attributed to apathy towards the medical establishment.

Angell said this apathy is deserved because doctors ignore patients' needs and focus on procedures that are often costly and painful.

"Alternative medicine is user-friendly," Angell said.

She said patients flock to it because they think there is no establishment and the focus is on self healing. Angell said alternative medicine is a booming indus-

try that makes over \$40 billion annually.

Angell addressed the question of why there is little resistance to alternative medicine from the scientific and medical communities.

"We have a buyer's market in medicine right now. Doctors do not want to alienate their patients," Angell said when addressing the question of whether or not doctors should discredit alternative medicine practices.

"Most doctors feel that it cannot do any harm and are afraid to point out that 'the emperor has no clothes.'"

JMU President Linwood Rose thanked Angell for participating in the Visiting Scholar program and presented her with a certificate. "This lecture was especially satisfying because the Visiting Scholar program is in its inaugural season," Rose said. "If two students have been inspired by Dr. Angell's visit, than this is an achievement."

Students attending the lecture had mixed reactions to Angell's lecture.

"I came because I heard about this around campus," senior Rodrigo Bocanera said. "I really don't agree with her at all. She relies only on scientific fact and some things cannot be

proven with science. Alternative medicine tries to solve problems traditional medicine cannot solve."

Students also had a positive reaction to Angell and her lecture. Most students said they found her words impressive and came because of her prominence in the medical field.

"I came because I am interested in the medical field," special student Megan Dunbar said. "She is very influential and her words were very inspiring."

Sophomore Anne Burton said "Personally, I think she really helped clear up some myths on alternative medicine."

"She talked about the extremes in medicine and I came because I want to learn about the whole spectrum of medicine," Burton said.

Students agreed with Rose that the Visiting Scholar program brings a more intellectual atmosphere to campus. Bocanera didn't agree with Angell, but he did say he felt programs like the lecture are important.

"It is great to have students come here, but they should come with a subjective mind," Bocanera said.

## Multiple factors prompt mission review

**INDSAY MARTI**  
contributing writer

Revisers of JMU's mission statement explain that its modification, in part, is due to the coming of the new millennium and the inauguration of a new president of the university.

The suggestion of a new mission statement was made in accordance with JMU's Centennial Commission. The commission is aimed at reaching goals to improve JMU as a whole by the year 2008.

Robert Scott, vice president for institutional effectiveness and a leader in the efforts to revise the statement, explained there isn't anything specifically wrong with the current statement. A new president, new era and efforts by the Centennial Commission were all reasons Scott gave for the proposal of a new mission statement.

"It was just a feeling that it was an appropriate time to review the mission statement and try to come up with a state-

ment that was more succinct, more to the point and one that folks could remember, frankly," Scott said.

The proposed mission statement is much shorter in length than the current, raising doubts that it will fully contain every aspect that faculty, students and others wish to see in it. The new statement is two lines and the old one was as much as a page long. Scott said the brevity should not be a concern because the statement is not the only component that the university uses to express its goals.

"The important thing to remember is that the mission statement isn't one piece," Scott said. "You have a vision statement, then you have characteristics of the university which talk about a whole variety of things like various aspects of the university, students and faculty."

Reaction to the proposed mission statement has not been entirely positive. Most criticism has been toward specific wording of the statement. Students,

faculty and off-campus groups are getting a chance to give input about what they would like to have included in the statement.

Sophomore Ashley Fleming said while she understands the reasons for making the statement shorter, she still thinks important issues are being left out. "One thing that most colleges and universities, including JMU, should do is strive to promote themes of cultural diversity," she said. "Also, if JMU wants to be influential and successful, it should also make reference to the utilization of technology. The mission statement completely leaves out these two very important things."

Scott said, "It's been the president's intent all along to take and share it [the mission statement] with the campus and ask for input back, in order to really see how people feel about the statement as it was written, and invite them to suggest ways in which they think it could be improved." Scott hosted a forum with several faculty members and one student

on Tuesday. Scott said he doesn't anticipate any more forums to discuss amendments.

Each faculty member and member of administrative staff received an invitation via e-mail to comment on the proposed statement and make suggestions about how to make it better. Scott said more than 200 responses were received. Respondents gave suggestions and ideas. Some expressed their approval of the statement, and "others commented on things other than the mission statement, such as characteristics."

Student input is encouraged as well. Letters were sent to all student organizations on campus, and off-campus groups like Alumni and the Parents Council received letters as well. "We certainly are seeking input from all the constituencies," Scott said.

Despite the importance Scott and others are placing on the new mission statement, it remains a trivial matter to some. "As far as mission statements go, I think JMU's new one is effective,

but will those couple of sentences actually make the university more effective?" freshman Becky Porter said.

Others felt the revision of the mission statement would help shape JMU's future.

Professor of English Mark Facknitz said, "This [new] statement is an improvement, partly because it addresses itself less to Richmond and legislators and more to students, but perhaps most of all because it reflects a conciliatory mood... If it could be revised and made dignified and serious in tone — maybe even a bit severe in its commitment to clarity — it would reflect a JMU genuinely ready to become a public Ivy."

The final draft of the statement will go to the University Council at its meeting in December for review, under the request for endorsement by JMU President Linwood Rose. Next, it will go to the Board of Visitors in January, where it will, if accepted, become the official mission statement of JMU.

*There will be no News Writers' meeting this Tuesday.  
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# New athletic committee introduced at meeting

**TOM STEINFELDT**  
SGA reporter

The newly founded Madison Athletic Committee (MAC) was introduced to the Student Government Association by SGA President Austin Adams at Tuesday's meeting.

Adams said the committee's goal is "to create an atmosphere of school spirit for the athletic teams."

In coordination with JMU Athletic Director Jeff Bourne, ideas are in the works to raise student attendance at sporting events. Under strong consideration is a method of distributing tickets to students for specific seats in an assigned student section.

"We really want student input on some of the athletic policies," Adams said. By working with MAC, the SGA can present representative views on when and how to distribute tickets to students.

Following this announcement, senators gave committee reports and updates on concerns and upcoming events.

After attending the

Harrisonburg City Council meeting held Nov. 9, At-large Sen. Courtney Blake said Mayor Rodney Eagle's only concern about JMU involved the way students cross South Main Street. Eagle expressed concern over students' street safety and the danger of wearing dark clothes while crossing the road at night.

Also at the meeting:

- A Parking Forum open to the entire student body to express parking concerns will take place in December or early next semester. Vice President Heather Herman said a student-led panel will work to resolve various parking problems. To apply to be on the panel, call Herman at x6376.

- Reporting on a recent Parking Advisory Committee meeting, College of Arts and Letters Sen. Kristen Vetri expressed disappointment in the lack of student perspectives discussed. In an effort to improve ongoing parking

problems, Vetri said, "If you get more students' voices out there, we'll get more ideas out there to change it. We really want to make [parking] a better situation."

- Efforts to find a guest speaker for this December's graduation fell short. In heading this challenge, Herman cited the lack of time, the need to resolve technical difficulties from last May and the need for a formal proposal as barriers for finding a speaker this year. But the idea produced positive results for the future. "Starting next December, they'll have a speaker as well," Herman said.

- A task force for the evolving legal defense center is being put together. A committee of 10 representatives will help with research and make contacts with local lawyers and administration. Herman said she hopes the committee draws "a lot of underclassmen so it can continue on." The goal is to provide students with a place at JMU to seek legal advice and possibly representation. Herman said she's working with Susan Wheeler.

- SGA Executive Council attended a breakfast meeting with JMU President Linwood Rose, Mark Warner, vice president of student affairs and Geoff Polglase, assistant to the president. Items discussed included a long-term plan for erecting a new stadium large enough for a Division I-A football team on the CISAT side of Interstate-81; a \$16 million project for an athletic support facility between Bridgeforth Stadium and the railroad tracks that will contain coaches' offices, a weight room and a locker room; moving SMAD to A3 on the CISAT campus or in a new building next to Harrison Hall and possible relocation of some departments.

- New senators were announced: for the College of Arts and Letters Marissa Savastana; for the College of Business Michael Confer and Anne Tejano; and At-large Senators April Frazier, Dianna Schwartz and Lisa Nixon. Senatorial positions for the College of Business and Greek Row are currently open.

## SGA

### POLICE LOG, from page 2

- Patricia A. Schultz, 18, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was arrested and charged with underage possession of alcohol on Nov. 13 at 1:08 a.m. in Huffman Hall.
- Jason D. Kidd, 19, of Daleville, was charged with underage possession of alcohol on Nov. 13 at 1:36 a.m. in the Godwin parking lot.
- Robert T. Munson, 18, of Roxbury, Conn., was arrested and charged with underage possession of alcohol on Nov. 13 at 3:10 a.m. on Bluestone Drive.

### Underage Consumption of Alcohol

- A JMU student was judicially referred for underage consumption of alcohol on Newman Drive near Greek Row on Nov. 13 at 1:06 a.m.
- A JMU student was judicially referred for underage consumption of alcohol on Nov. 13 at 1:08 a.m. in Huffman Hall.
- A JMU student was judicially referred for underage consumption of alcohol on Nov. 13 at 1:36 a.m. in the Godwin parking lot.
- A JMU student was judicially referred for underage consumption of alcohol on Nov. 13 at 1:44 a.m. after being found unconscious in the men's shower room in Chesapeake Hall.
- A JMU student was judicially referred for underage consumption of alcohol on Nov. 13 at 2:01 a.m. in P-lot.

The student was escorted to his residence hall and appeared to be in no danger.

- A JMU student was judicially referred for underage consumption of alcohol on

Nov. 13 at 3:10 a.m. on Bluestone Drive near Zane Showker Hall.

- A JMU student was judicially referred for underage consumption of alcohol in Potomac Hall on Nov. 12 at 1 a.m.

### Alcohol Poisoning

- A JMU student was reportedly found unconscious in the men's shower room on the second floor of Chesapeake Hall on Nov. 13 at 1:44 a.m. and was judicially referred for underage consumption.

The subject was transported to Rockingham Memorial Hospital to be treated for alcohol poisoning and later admitted to drinking four 12 ounce cups of vodka.

### Grand Larceny

- Unidentified individuals reportedly stole an orange Fisher 99 Marlin bike from Potomac Hall on Nov. 13 at 2 p.m.

The bike was left unsecured and is valued at \$400.

### Petty Larceny

- Unidentified individuals reportedly removed a wallet containing \$24, a Virginia operator's license and a JAC card from a coat pocket left on the floor in PC Ballroom on Nov. 13 at 4 a.m.
- Unidentified individuals reportedly removed a wallet containing \$50 and a JAC card from an unlocked car parked in J-lot on Nov. 15 at 10:23 a.m.
- Unidentified individuals reportedly stole a metallic brown older model Huffy bike from the Zane Showker Hall bike rack between Nov. 12 at 9:30 p.m. and

Nov. 15 at 9:30 a.m.

The bike was chained to the rack prior to the incident.

### Trespassing

- A white male, described as college-aged, was allegedly in the C section second floor women's shower room in Dingledine Hall on Nov. 15 at 5:09 p.m.

A female resident entered the shower room and observed the 5-foot-8 male intruder, wearing a zip-up blue sweatshirt, white T-shirt and blue jeans, who then fled the scene.

A search of the area by responding officers proved negative.

- A white male, described as college-aged was allegedly in the A section second floor women's shower room in Hanson Hall on Nov. 15 between 3 and 4 p.m.

A resident entered the shower room and observed a white male approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall, wearing a T-shirt and khaki pants standing near one of the shower stalls where another female resident was taking a shower.

The intruder stood there a few minutes before leaving.

The complainant called the dispatcher with details on Nov. 16 at 12:30 a.m. and did not wait for the responding investigator.

Number of drunk in public charges since Aug. 28: 34

Number of parking tickets issued since Nov. 8: 1004

## Former student dies in Europe

Clark Bucko ('98), of Medford, N.J., died this yesterday in Brussels, Belgium, of natural causes.

Bucko, an English major and member of the men's rugby team, had been participating in a program run through the JMU Office of International Education and working at NATO.

Memorial services for Bucko will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Medford, N.J.

For more information, contact Chris Neff at (703) 725-9192.

## Dunkin' Donuts comes to the 'Burg

Harrisonburg now has two more places to find midnight snacks.

Two Dunkin' Donuts both opened in the past three weeks — one in Teter's Exxon on South Main Street beside the Ramada Inn and the second opened one in the University Exxon on the corner of University Boulevard and Reservoir Street. A third will open Nov. 23 in the Neighbors' Exxon on the corner of Market Street and Cantrell Avenue.

## In Brief

Teter's and Neighbors' Exxons and the Dunkin' Donuts shops are open 24 hours a day. The Exxon on University Boulevard is open from 5:30 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

## Meningitis vaccines at Health Center

Although there have been no reported cases of bacterial meningitis on the JMU campus this year, the Health Center encourages students to talk to their physician and decide if a vaccine is appropriate. The Health Center can order and administer the vaccine for \$70, payable by cash, check or Flex. For more information, visit [www.jmu.edu/healthctr/](http://www.jmu.edu/healthctr/) or call x6177.

## JMU graduate wins award for her thesis

Christy R. Vestal, a 1999 honors graduate, recently won the 1999 Phi Kappa Phi Award for Outstanding Honors Thesis.

Her project, under the direction of chemistry professor Thomas C. DeVore, was "Reactions of Various First Row Transition Metal 2,4-Pentanedionato Complexes in Chemical Vapor Deposition Processes."

Vestal presented various parts of her research at the 1998 National Chemistry Undergraduate Research Conference; the 1998 Gordon Conference for High-Temperature Materials, Processing and Diagnostics, where she was the only undergraduate to present; the 1998 Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society; the 1998 Virginia Military Institute undergraduate poster competition, where she captured first place; and the 1999 Virginia Section ACS Undergraduate Poster conference.

Vestal graduated with a major in chemistry and a minor in mathematics.

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# Stop the talk, they want action

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CMSS and other campus groups, SGA Multicultural Committee Co-chair Saiba Kamal said. No white females or African-American males applied.

On the issue of cultural relations at JMU, Roberts addressed the audience and said that things seem fine on the surface, but not when examined more carefully.

"When I say that people are friendly, [what I mean is] you don't have open racism," he said. "[But] race relations aren't that close. Segments of the populations just hang out with themselves. I hardly ever see interaction among students [with different backgrounds]."

The issue of diversity is a problem nationally, but has been highlighted at JMU in part because of the university's low enrollment of minority students, Kamal said. Eleven percent of students at JMU in 1998-'99 were minorities, 1,585 out of 14,414 students, according to the Office of

Institutional Research.

Davenport asked panel members whether they felt students are comfortable mixing with others of different races.

"A majority of students aren't," Wyatt said. "If more students were comfortable you'd see more intermixing..."

Flaherty said part of the problem at JMU stems from fragmentation among campus groups. He said students have no outward hate toward each other, but the small cliques that form on campus need to be addressed.

Roberts said there's nothing wrong with students hanging out with people they fit in with, but they need to branch out.

"The thing that's wrong is when you just feel comfortable with that clique or racial group..." he said. "We need to get out of our comfort zones... there's nothing wrong with being in a clique. That's only natural. But just go out and explore."

Panelists also explored the issue of whether it's important for students to spend time

hanging out with people different than themselves.

"Nothing but good can come out of understanding and reaching out to other cultures and races," Adams said.

Flaherty said part of having a good educational experience comes from participating in activities outside the classroom.

"It's very important for [students] to meet and mix and spend time [with people who are different]," he said.

Palmer said students need to look past superficial differences.

"People think they don't identify with someone because of the color of their skin," he said. "And a lot of times you might be surprised. They may have a lot of things in common with you that you might not expect."

Suggestions were given on how comfort levels between different groups could be changed.

"It starts with [individuals] to make the change," Wyatt said. "That's the only way the comfort levels will change is if you step out of your comfort zones first."

Davenport said, "We often times do things that we're not really aware that we may have offended somebody or hurt somebody's feelings. And unless we bring those things to one another's attention in a manner that's not threatening then we will never begin dialogue."

But some students in the audience who spoke to the panel said that discussion of diversity and cultural issues wasn't enough.

"I'm really, really frustrated," graduate student Mike Andrews said. "This is the 20th meeting I've been to on diversity this year alone, and what needs to happen is we need to challenge each other... we're 18- to 20-something years old. We need to get to a deeper level."

He said students don't have to get out of their comfort zones if they don't want to and if they're not comfortable doing so.

"If black people are like, 'Yeah, you need to do something about it,' and if white people are like, 'Yeah, you all need to come to us and talk about it,' and [if]

no one's coming in the middle and doing anything about it then it's just talk.

"What I want everyone to do is challenge themselves to do one thing... This is what I'm going to do this week to exemplify diversity."

Senior Chris Jones said it bothers him that JMU continues to have multicultural panels without action.

"Let's not have them if we're not actually going to do anything... We need to move away from political moves and start doing something."

In an interview after the meeting, Kamal said that panel discussions like this one are important to keep ideas flowing.

"If one person gets something from this, I'll be content," she said. "This needs to keep going as long as it's necessary [to improve race relations]."

Other students said the panel shouldn't have focused solely on the issue of race, but rather on other issues of diversity, such as religion and other cultural differences.

## Kegs 'kick' 4 groups; policies violated

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they won't be able to have any parties said Sheila Williams, coordinator of Greek Life for Student Organization Services.

Greek organizations must abide by B.Y.O.B., or the bring your own beer policy, when having parties involving alcohol. The policy states that, "The purchase and/or use of a bulk quantity of such alcoholic beverages, i.e. kegs, is prohibited."

This guideline was set forth to bring Greek organizations in line with the FIPG insurance policy. FIPG is not an acronym, but refers to the advising group that sets policies for fraternities and sororities, Williams said.

*"This was the first violation for many of these groups. I hope this was a rare incident. It's not something we hear about frequently occurring."*

**Kristin Radcliffe**

assistant director, Student Organization Services

DeCostanzo said the chapters involved in the incident voted for the party to be BYOB, as the rules specify. However, she said, some members of the chapters decided to bring kegs to Melrose instead, without the knowledge of the chapter presidents.

She wasn't aware of the problem until she arrived at Melrose and the party was

already in progress.

"The presidents were all very concerned," she said. "We've never been placed in that situation before [and] didn't know how to react."

She said that buses only run to and from Melrose sporadically and it would've been difficult to force everyone to leave the party.

Instead, sober members were placed at the kegs to make sure those people under the age of 21 were not drinking, DeCostanzo said. People were marked as legal or minor at the door.

At last night's hearing, the advisers of Greek organizations not involved with the alcohol violations sat on the panel to determine sanctions, Radcliffe said.

"The groups stepped forward and accepted responsibility for what they did wrong," she said. "[They] handled it very maturely, came up with a list of things that they were all going to do internally to be proactive about what had gone wrong."

This was the first violation for many of these groups, Radcliffe said. "I hope this was a rare incident. It's not something we hear about frequently occurring."

## Tour de Rose lifts off with appearance in No.Va.

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more the role of college presidents to be someone who carries the message beyond the campus."

Spreading the word about JMU isn't the only focus of the trip — fundraising is directly tied to keeping up with alumni.

"Obviously, fundraising is a primary purpose," Rose said. "Successful fundraising occurs as the result of relationships, and

we need to work on widening our 'sphere of influence' beyond Harrisonburg, the Valley and Virginia."

Director of Alumni Relations Justin Thompson is also very involved with the tour and agreed that fundraising is an important component.

"Fundraising is related to everything," Thompson said. "The positive feeling that alumni have about JMU lead to giving. Hopefully a thorough under-

standing about exciting things happening here will increase the likelihood they'll want to be involved."

The Alumni Association and the Office of Development and Alumni Relations are partly funding the tour. Some alumni even help pay for the receptions, Moore said.

"It's a combined effort," he said. "It's not that expensive at all. Many alumni are willing to come out and pay for the

reception themselves."

Although Rose is spending a significant amount of time away from university, he said it won't affect his performance as president and he shouldn't have to hire anyone else to take care of business while he's away.

"The time away from JMU isn't too bad," Rose said. "The tours are spread out throughout the year, so that they can be balanced with other activities. I

do not foresee the need to hire anyone else."

Moore agreed. "His being on the road will not affect his presidential duties on campus at all," he said. "This is Dr. Rose's way of making sure we provide the best quality education here on campus... I don't think it should be seen at all that he's not putting the university's interests first. He's just doing it a little different than his predecessor did."

**The Breeze will not publish on Nov. 25 or 29.**



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## Legal center will benefit students

The Student Government Association is forming a committee this week to make plans for a student defense center set to open next semester, according to the Nov. 15 issue of *The Breeze*.

Forming a student defense center to offer free legal advice can only benefit students.

As with any age group, conflicts, mistakes and accidents occur that sometimes require legal advice or action.

College students may be particularly vulnerable to problems with these matters since they are not experienced in recognizing when legal advice should be sought.

For many, college is the first time students are responsible for items like apartment leases, and electric, cable and phone bills.

College is also a time of learning to balance the increased independence of college life with the responsibility of being accountable for all of one's actions.

As students define themselves and their principles about issues like alcohol and drugs, problems

are bound to occur. Lines will be crossed.

Regardless of whether a student seeking advice is the victim or the accused, such situations leave college students in unfamiliar territory on how to proceed.

"I have seen a lot of students

*"College is also a time of learning to balance the increased independence of college life with the responsibility of being accountable for all of one's actions."*

who get in trouble and run to their business law professor," said SGA Vice President Heather Herman. "It is great of them [the professors] to help, but students need someone to go to who knows the specific laws of Virginia and Harrisonburg."

Should students find themselves in need of legal advice, a student defense center is a viable

way to inform students of their options.

All students should feel comfortable seeking legal advice on how to handle a wide range of issues, anything from a rental concern to a traffic ticket.

One main benefit associated with the legal defense center is that students will be receiving legal information for free.

President Rose said the idea of a legal service is worth exploring.

JMU is one of few schools without a center of this type.

According to its Web site, the University of Virginia has a

Students' Legal Services Program, sponsored by the student council. "Most areas of civil law and some criminal cases are handled, with a concentration on landlord-tenant conflicts, consumer rights and related legal situations arising from a student's residence . . ."

We think that JMU deserves the same type of service.

## Topic: If you could be a candy, which one would you be and why?

CAMPUS  
SPOTLIGHT  
JANE MCHUGH/staff photographer



George Parish  
sophomore, ISAT

"I'd be a Hershey's Nugget . . . just 'cause."



Beth Mast  
freshman, ISAT

"Smarties because they are well rounded."



Kelly Trumbauer  
junior, ACTG

"I'd be an Atomic Fire Ball because that's what redheads are."



Jordan Breakley  
sophomore, MGT

"Nerds because they are sweet and sour, which matches my personality."



## OP/ED

# Courtney asks 101 questions . . . almost

For some strange reason, despite having too much to do this week, I felt compelled to write a column. It must be catharsis. Thanksgiving can't come soon enough. The only problem looming on the horizon, though, is the three papers and two tests due before Turkey Day. You won't hear any complaints out of me, though, because I'm sure 89.23 percent of students out there in Readerland are experiencing the same, or worse.

Questions, you'll merely read questions, because I'm confused. I've had my hand up for years. Some questions I've been asking longer than others, some I know the answers to. This is just a little food for thought in the middle of the most horrendous week of the semester: The pre-Thanksgiving Break blitz.

Why are liberal studies classes harder to pass than upper-level classes? Why is it that, even after four years, students still get stressed, swamped and freaked out over work that's due — even if they get a huge head start? Why do professors always make everything due the same week? Why do we have to take multiple choice tests in classes that are best suited for essay tests simply because we have more than 100 people in our class? Why do we have classes that large?

Why is the book you need always checked out of the library? Why are the reserved materials professors have for you

to copy in the library 70 pages long? Why can't you get into classes you need even though you're a graduating senior? Why is everything always due the two days before Thanksgiving?

Why do some professors seem to think that the Internet and e-mail have taken place of a good old-fashioned paper syllabus and quality office hours? Why is it that really cool and educational upper-level classes are being done away with or only offered once a year (instead of every semester) because the great professors are getting assigned GenEd duties when there is more than enough need and interest to put butts in the seats in these classes? Why did my lizard die? (Just seeing if you were still paying attention.)

Why is JMU President Linwood Rose embarking on a "world tour" to raise money that will take him away from JMU when the JMU Board of Visitors named former president Ronald Carrier chancellor and made his sole duty raising money? Where is Uncle Ron anyway? Anyone seen him lately? Speaking of the Board, why are

its members afraid of the word "diversity"? Why do we need new mission and vision statements? Why is everything a farce at JMU? What's with the great show that's being put on? Why do certain facets of this university think they are fooling students when they're not? What is the gold

standard anyway? Why is James Madison University becoming JMU, Inc.?

Why are there only two degrees of separation

between JMU students and the world?

Why do people continue to dog business majors for being spoiled brats who get too much university money pumped into their majors and the Marble Palace when the COB has just as many growing and money problems as SMAD and SCOM in Anthony-Seeger?

Why do we have to pay for a parking deck that we're not even going to be able to use? Why do we have to pay lab fees when our tuition is outrageous? Why does tuition at American universities go up when the endowments grow larger? Why does the price of college education not make fiscal sense?

Why do some members of the older generation preach diversity but act to destroy it? Why don't they look at the way many Gen Xers view each other and society and see the beauty of togetherness for what it is instead of telling us we're ignorant and stupid when we're smarter and more culturally aware than they give us credit for being?

Why do people, even if they are sometimes highly educated, misunderstand affirmative action, welfare, gun control, campaign finance reform, Social Security, and most modern issues, but think they understand them? Why do those same people engage in ignorant arguments and develop dangerous stereotypes based on their assumptions?

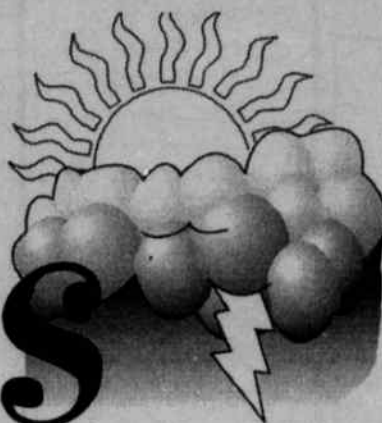
Why do human beings react only when they are angry? Why do they remain quiet when they are content? Why is it so hard to get concert tickets? When is Paul McCartney going to go on tour again?

Why do a good number of college students not truly understand the difference between being in love with someone and loving someone? And why don't they understand that it's a distinction that is paramount in a long-term relationship?

Why do pretty people always have a significant other in their lives? Why do not-so-attractive people have significant others

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## DARTS & PATS



Darts & Pats are submitted anonymously and printed on a space-available basis. Submissions are based upon one person's opinion of a given situation, person or event and do not necessarily reflect the truth.

### Dart...

A "you-give-enthusiastic-fans-a-bad-name" dart to the guys who were standing behind us, attracting police attention, at the football game last Saturday.

Sent in by some football regulars who think that acting like idiots and swearing loudly aren't ways to show support for the team.

### Dart...

A "why-do-you-deprive-us-of-our-NBA-fantasies?" dart to the lifeguards at UREC for not allowing us to dunk on the rims in the pool.

Sent in by some mad dunkers who know you love to see them have fun and wish you could bend the rules once in a while.

### Dart...

A "have-some-faith" dart to the sports staff who picked the 5-2 Redskins over the 2-7 Eagles merely because of their record and home roots.

Sent in by a proud Philly resident who believes a vote in favor of the underdog is a good idea once in a while.

### Dart...

A "you-think-you're-a-player-but-you're-not" dart to the boy across the hall who constantly tries to handle too many girls at one time.

Sent in by the girls across the hall who think you need to change your attitude and hope you get a taste of your own medicine one day.

### Pat...

A "you-saved-my-graphic-art-career" pat to Arik at Kinko's for being so patient and understanding with me the other day.

Sent in by a grateful student who was so thankful for your help, she would have tipped you if she had any extra cash.

### Pat...

A "way-to-redeem-yourself" pat to the guy at The Beanery who gave my friends and I flowers to make up for his rude comment earlier in the evening.

Sent in by some sorority girls who realize how silly their conversation must have sounded, but thank you for being sensitive enough to feel bad about mocking them.

### Pat...

A "thank-goodness-for-your-sharp-eyesight" pat to the two guys that found my ring in the grass last week after I dropped it.

Sent in by a student who won't be so careless with her jewelry again and sends you her deepest thanks.





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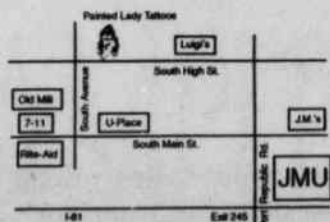
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## Courtney's questions continue

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in their lives more often than the middle-of-the-road people who can go long periods of time without having someone in their lives? Why is life so fleeting? Why do people take on legendary status when they die prematurely?

Why did the Supreme Being take Jimi Hendrix, John Lennon, Bob Marley and others so young?

Why do people use catch phrases? Why do people use them incorrectly? Why do some people have an inexplicable need to be cool? Why do they put on facades to mask who they really are?

Why are there only two Waffle Houses in Harrisonburg? Why are there now going to be three Dunkin' Donuts? Isn't it odd that a donut shop would have more locations in the 'Burg than the Awful Waffle? Who started the tradition of nightly migrations to the Waffle?

Why do people order their hash browns naked when they can get them sliced, diced, smothered and covered? Why does the rain bring on the dog food smell in the 'Burg?

Why are good friends able to read your every emotion even though you think you're hiding them? Why do people overreact and jump the gun?

Why are some people naturally luckier than others? Why can you be high as a kite one day and lower than a crater the next?

Why do I have so many so many questions?

My hand is tired; I just can't hold it up anymore. I have all these questions, but nobody will answer them for me. Maybe I'll ask the Tooth Fairy.

Happy hunting.

*Courtney Crowley is a senior SMAD major with an inquiring mind and the editor.*

## REMINDER!!!

Applications for the house editorial/political cartoonist are due Wednesday, November 24!

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Students outraged about *Playboy*/Rooster advertisement

#### To the editor:

The *Playboy*/Rooster Tobacco advertisement stuck in the middle of the Nov. 15 issue of *The Breeze* that asked students if we thought we were "BIG and BOLD and SMOOTH enough" to hang out with lots of nude models was a dehumanizing ad that has no place in our campus newspaper.

When I transferred to "the happy school" last January from Ohio State, I was elated to see a student newspaper that did not contain articles about "local students who strip" or large ads for "adult film casting calls."

While I cannot imagine *The Breeze* running anything like this in the near future, *Playboy* ads like this are not a step in the right direction. If we continue down this slippery slope, it is quite possible that in 30 years, JMU will be home to numerous people who enjoy lighting couches on fire and urinating on Virginia Tech flags.

I can't possibly comprehend how offended some of my fellow female friends on campus feel about this ludicrous display of skin and debauchery. *Playboy* ads like this are a slap in the face to every female on campus. How much more insulting can we be to our own friends?

As a male I am disappointed. I choose to endorse the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who said people should be "judged by the content of their character." *Playboy* and Rooster Tobacco apparently think otherwise. My manhood rests in my integrity, not in the implied sexual nature of the words big, bold and smooth.

I write this with full knowledge that people may not agree with my thoughts, but I do not mean it as a condemnation to anyone. I would be a hypocrite to do so since I believe no one is righteous. I also hope it is not interpreted as a Calvinistic diatribe.

While I know you can't please everyone, it is my sincere hope that this acts as a catalyst for you to open your mind and eyes to the wickedness of our society. I am thankful and grateful to the countless people who have died to preserve our country and rights, but I do not think even James Madison, the author of the Constitution, would smile at the thought of pornography being introduced into an environment of young, impressionable minds.

John Thomas  
junior  
history

#### To the editor:

Like any other Monday morning, I picked up a copy of *The Breeze* on my way to class. As I opened up to the center section, an insert fell out. I took one glance at it and could not believe my eyes.

On the front of the insert was a *Playboy* bunny filled with the photographs of *Playboy* models. The words, "You think you're BIG and BOLD and SMOOTH enough to hang with them?" loomed largely between the bunny ears.

I was immediately outraged and offended.

Apparently this was an advertisement for Rooster smokeless tobacco. The company is doing a sweepstakes to win "The Ultimate *Playboy* Weekend."

What exactly is *The Breeze* saying by putting an advertisement like this in their paper? Shouldn't this be my paper too as a JMU student?

As a woman I am extremely angered that *The Breeze* would put an advertisement of this nature in their paper, but I would also have been offended if it was a *Playgirl* sweepstakes. Just as it is not allowed for curse words to be printed in *The Breeze*, there should be other restrictions on what is either printed or inserted into the newspaper. I would think that a few curse words would be much less offensive to the student body than an advertisement for pornography that obviously excludes more than half of the student population. *The Breeze* is a newspaper that represents JMU in the community. Do we want people outside the university to believe that this is what we stand for?

The inside of the insert shows four women in bikinis holding a sign reading, "BOLDER flavor, SMOOTHER cut, BIGGER can." When one looks at the words, "bolder, smoother and bigger," sandwiched between four sets of breasts and legs, are you really going to be thinking about the tobacco? Above the women it says, "Choose which one of these playmates you want to escort you around the *Playboy* Mansion grounds."

Is this supposed to be the beginning of a beautiful relationship? Is choosing a woman on the basis of looks alone something that our school should stand for? This can be offensive to both men and women, assuming that all women are mere sex objects and all men want is a sexy body.

This advertisement causes many women (and some men) to feel uncomfortable and angry. Why should I have to look at things such as this in my university newspaper? It is difficult enough to avoid disrespectful

advertisements in magazines and on television. Shouldn't I be free of these worries while looking at *The Breeze* between classes?

Kirsten Smith  
junior  
psychology

#### To the editor:

I am writing to indicate my displeasure with the *Playboy*/Rooster insert in the Nov. 15 issue of *The Breeze*.

There are a number of reasons why our newspaper should reconsider accepting such advertisements in the future. Your policy, as stated on *The Breeze* Web site (<http://breeze.jmu.edu>), is that all advertisements are subject to acceptance by *The Breeze*. The inclusion of an advertisement that endorses both smokeless tobacco and the pornography industry is inappropriate for a university that is supposed to be "All Together One."

The insertion of this advertisement is an implicit endorsement of the pornography and tobacco industries. It was impossible not to see this ad.

Numerous studies have shown the harm that pornography and tobacco cause.

In one such study, subjects who viewed pornography ignored women's speech to the point that after viewing pornography, only 4 percent of men were able to recall what a female speaker had said (Anderson, *The Price We Pay*). Pornography contributes to sexist attitudes, impairs relationships between sexes, encourages men to believe rape myths and contributes to sexual assault.

Chewing tobacco contains cancer-causing elements and has more nicotine than cigarettes, according to the Oregon Research Institute. The toxic chemicals in tobacco can cause mouth and throat cancer.

Inclusion of such a prominent ad makes it appear that JMU at least tolerates the unhealthy behavior of tobacco and pornography industries or maybe even endorses it. JMU should not be represented that way.

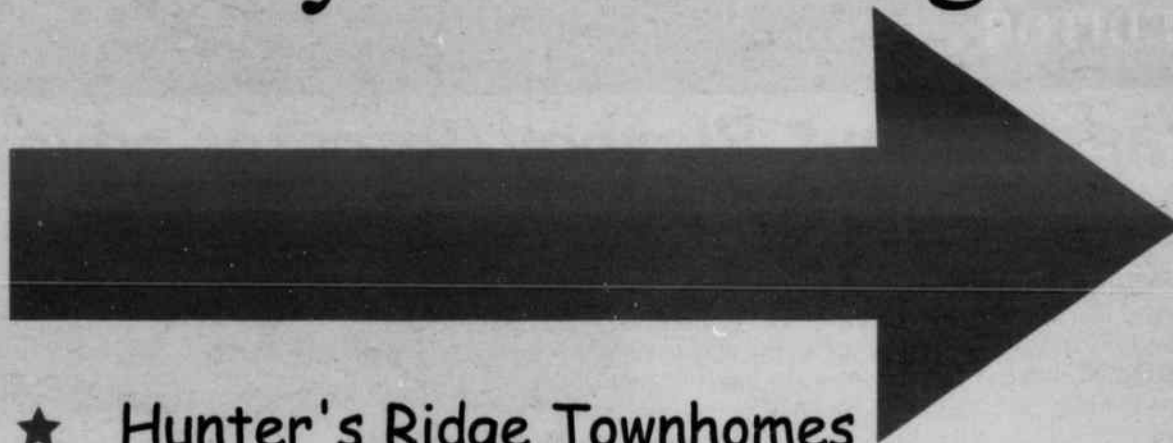
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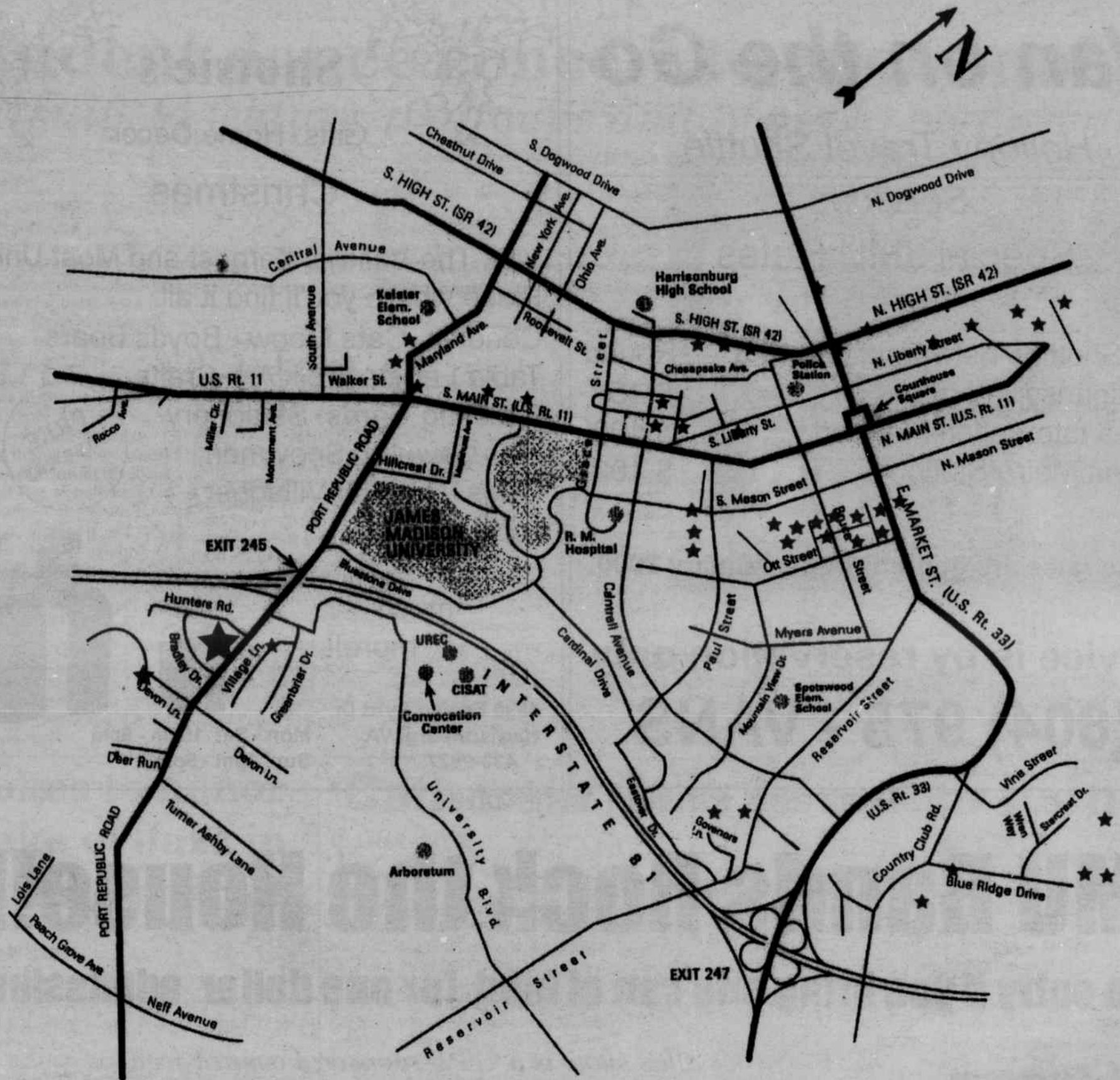


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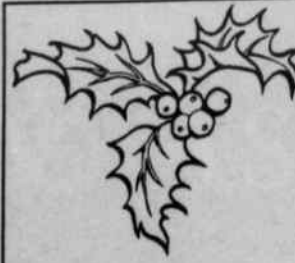
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## STYLE

# Student dance concert to open tonight

## Pursuits to feature 10 groups and two solo performances

**ANN KEAST**  
Staff writer

In Pursuits, JMU's Fall Student Dance Concert, there is definite power in numbers.

Ten group and two solo dances will perform today, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in Godwin Hall Room 355. Though each work is unique because each dance is choreographed and performed by different students, they share a unity in their depth and focus in the artistry of space, image and time.

Senior Kelly Bartnik explores the harsh emotional realities of life as a female and the process of healing in her group dance, "Empowerment." "It's about the effect that women have on other women. It's about how women can feed off the strength of other women or vice versa," she said.

In senior Jen Poore's "Maximum Capacity," the dancers hit sharp poses to a harshly syncopated rhythm. Clad in trendy, brightly colored athletic apparel, the dancers explode into action-packed twists, turns and lifts. When blue backlights shoot up in sync with an obtuse bass beat, power and prowess grace the stage in Poore's dynamic choreography.

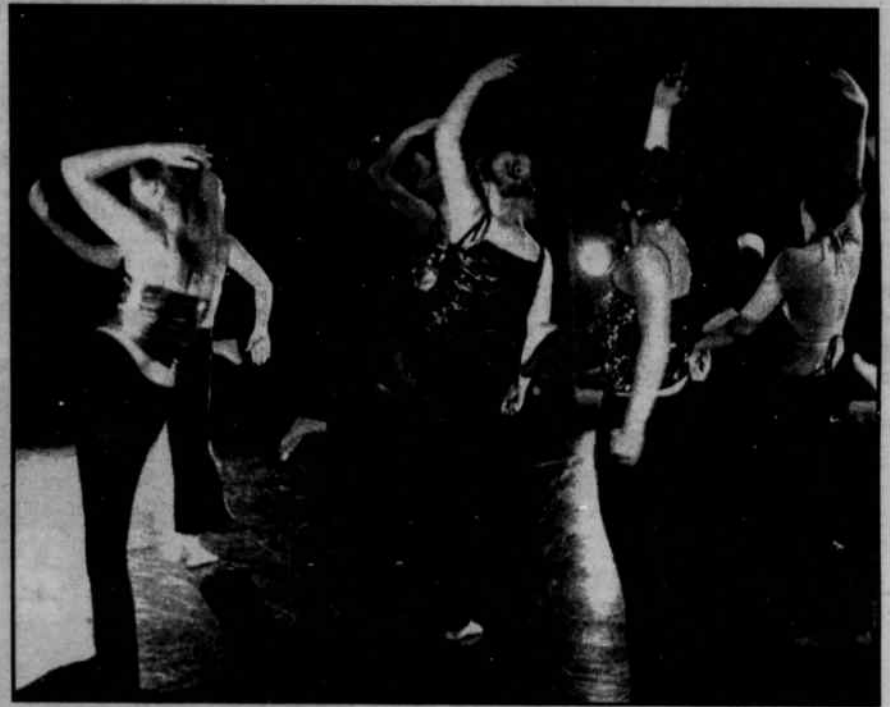
### PURSUIITS

**WHAT:** The Fall Student Dance Concert  
**WHERE:** Godwin Hall, Room 355  
**WHEN:** Today, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.  
**ADMISSION:** Tickets go on sale the night of the performance at 7:15 p.m. \$3 for JAC card holders and \$5 general admission. For more information, call 568-6511.

Senior Kristi Nimmo elegantly moves on the stage in "Keeping Some" with delightfully unexpected rhythms and a combination of simple movement and music. "This solo began as a study of the people in my life, and the role that each plays as someone I care about," Nimmo said about her piece. "There are many different kinds of relationships, and several different ways which they can affect us."

The sound of Dave Matthews Band resonates in freshman Molly Lehman's "Satellite." "The inspiration for this piece was the grief and anguish experienced after the loss of a loved one. 'Satellite' symbolizes their memory and their joy, which is carried on throughout our lives today," Lehman said.

Senior Jaci Nathaniel's "Pulse," commences with the dancers portraying a stunted, non-emotional existence in their razor-sharp poses and stony facial expressions. The dance foretells of a future society where independence and community are synonymous. "Fashion. Culture. The future. Technology. Society," Nathaniel said about the inspiration of her dance. Senior Anna Smith reminisces of meals shared around



XRIS THOMAS/staff photographer

JMU's Fall Student Dance Concert this weekend is choreographed and performed by students.

her family's round kitchen table in "Cedar Gatherings." "There's so much that takes place there [her kitchen table] because we're such a busy family," Smith said. "But we always come back to there. It's just about coming back."

## Dukes to honor Duke of Jazz in downtown 'Burg

**ALISON SNOW**  
Staff writer

Downtown Court Square Theatre will be transformed into an atmosphere of contemporary jazz on Sunday.

The JMU jazz band, jazz ensemble and the Franklin Newton Quartet will perform in A Tribute to Duke Ellington, sponsored by the Green Valley Book Fair and WXJM 88.7 radio.

### A TRIBUTE TO DUKE ELLINGTON

**WHAT:** JMU jazz ensemble and jazz band, the Franklin Newton Quartet and photography by junior Kristi Mathews  
**WHERE:** Court Square Theatre  
**WHEN:** Sunday, art show at 6 p.m., jazz begins at 7:30 p.m.  
**ADMISSION:** \$5. For more information, call 433-9189

that the concert will allow Harrisonburg residents to experience music played by JMU musicians. "It will also give people who wouldn't usually come on campus a chance to experience the bands," he said.

In addition to musical entertainment, the evening will also feature photography by junior Kristi Mathews, which includes a series of collaged images titled "The Skirts" representing the idea of women as they approach the new millennium.

A Tribute to Duke Ellington will bring Mathews' tribute to the future along with timeless Ellington classics to the Court Square Theater for an evening.

## 'Catharsis' fails to match its name

**AMARANITAI**  
Staff writer

Theatre II has a love-hate relationship with student-written and directed works.

In the past they've either been well-received or they've bombed. Student-written, directed and produced works are always a theatrical crapshoot, though, not because a student playwright isn't experienced enough to write and direct his or her own work. It's a tossup because the playwright does not have the advantage of theatrical protocol, criticism and prior insight until it's too late.

That's not to say that "Catharsis," the current production staged at Theatre II, written and directed by seniors Nehal Joshi and Matthew Balthrop will be well-received or will bomb for that matter. The show is open to individual interpretation. It's just unfulfilling, and unfortunately, it doesn't live up to its name.

The first act, titled "Untitled," revolves around the broad theme of relationships. Its playwright, Balthrop, overlapped two stories, one of a social outcast hit man who falls in love for the first time, and another about a group of college guys and their many sexual and romantic endeavors. The first act's strengths are its strong performances, but its downfall is that the plot's two stories are disjointed.

While the first story is intriguing and produced strong performances by sophomore Justin Tolley and junior Carolyn Bream, the second is overflowing with more testosterone than a locker room full of sweaty post-gym class junior high school boys fawning over someone's dad's old copy of *Hustler*. While some of the dialogue was humorous, most of it consists of lame dirty jokes that would offend even your perverted uncle. The rest of the dialogue consists of inside jokes, blatant endorsements of Kevin Smith and View Askew Productions ("Clerks"), and philosophical waxings about life, love and blah, blah, blah.

The second act, "Molting to Earnest," written by Joshi, could be an open audition for The Gap's next commercial in its line of "Everybody in leather," or tech vests or overalls or

whatever, only this commercial was "Everybody in tight shirts." There is so much blatant breast action that if you threw in a basket of chicken wings, the place would've been Hooters.

Centered around one character's sordid and spoiled relationships and the mysteries of the conscience and of love, the audience watches the dizzying connections between the main character, Chaz, portrayed well by non-student David White, and his flavors of the week.

However, his entanglements become so twisted and confusing that the audience loses track of who's sleeping with whom within the first five minutes. What soon ensues is an endless pattern of actors entering and quickly exiting the stage. The whole thing looks like a hurried mid-game football game plan. Many of the characters are poorly defined, and Chaz never becomes more interesting or intriguing. The act ends up feeling like a cheap episode of "Melrose Place" without Heather Locklear or the pool.

Perhaps most disturbing about "Molting to Earnest" is its portrayal of women. In addition to lewd sexual comments, women are further degraded by being depicted as sexual objects to be conquered, as well as sexually obsessed, and ruled by double standards, making this show anything but woman-friendly. And in the words of Alanis Morissette, uninviting.

Woody Allen once commented that he enjoys writing about women because he doesn't understand them. Joshi proves both through his writing and through the character Chaz that he, too, does not understand women. But he provides the audience with little evidence that he wants to try.

This show has its strengths: a noble attempt at a holistically student-produced production; strong performances; some intriguing and innovative use of multimedia; a large well-rounded cast that showcases both many experienced and novice talents. Theatre II, as the educational springboard for dramatic experimentation, meant to do just that. But what often results, and this is the case of "Catharsis," is the exhibition of unstructured, pretentious metaphysical babbling.

And the battle between love and hate wages on.

### 'CATHARSIS'

**WHAT:** A production written by seniors Matt Balthrop and Nehal Joshi  
**WHERE:** Theatre II  
**WHEN:** Tomorrow through Saturday at 8 p.m. and a midnight show on Friday  
**ADMISSION:** Tickets are \$2 and can be purchased two hours before show time.



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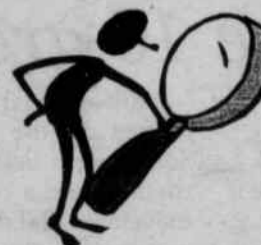
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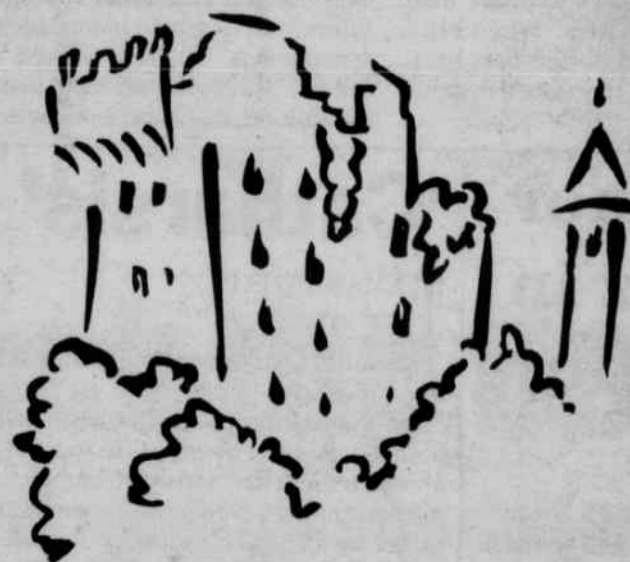
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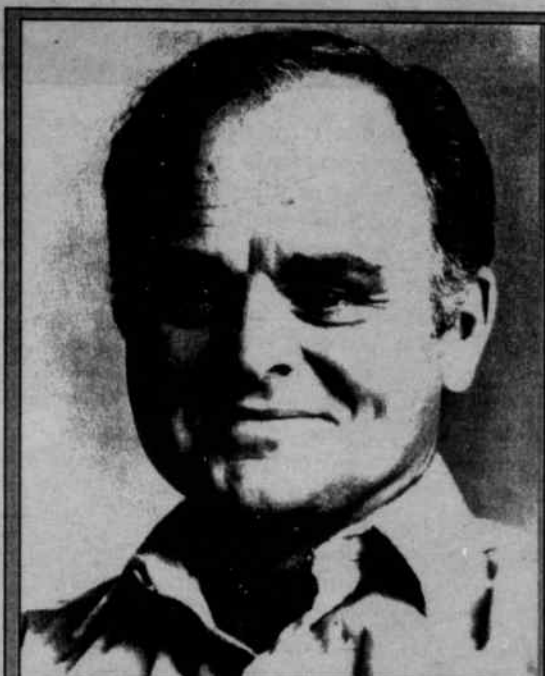


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**RED HOT:** Emmy Award-winner Gary Burghoff will star in JMU's Encore Series presentation of "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" at 8 p.m., Saturday in Wilson Hall. Burghoff, who played Radar on "M\*A\*S\*H" will be portraying Barney Cashman in the Neil Simon play, which is being presented by the Lake Pepin Players Inc. under the direction of William Richard Rogers. Call x7000 for tickets. There will be a student ticket rush on Friday at the box office and Saturday at the door, featuring \$12 student tickets.

## This week at the box office:

# Pokemon craze

**ANTHONY MARCHEGIANO**  
A contributing writer

Oscar winners Denzel Washington, Ben Affleck, Matt Damon and Susan Sarandon all lost out this weekend to the kiddie craze "Pokemon: The First Movie," which broke all records for cartoon flicks.

"Pokemon: The First Movie," which opened Wednesday, upped its five-day total to \$52.1 million, breaking the previous five-day record set last year by "A Bug's Life," which pulled in \$45.7 over Thanksgiving weekend. The film opened on 3,043 screens and earned \$10,642 per screen.

Still thriving off last week's success, "The Bone Collector" dropped just one spot to second place this week with \$12 million. The murder thriller starring Denzel Washington pushed its two-week total gross to \$35.3 million.

"Dogma," which stars Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, opened this week with a moderate \$8.8 million.

The newest film from "Clerks" and "Chasing Amy" writer/director Kevin Smith is getting much heat from the religious community. Several Christian groups are condemning the new satire on religion as blasphemy. Critics, how-

ever, have been praising the new comedy. The story follows the adventures of two angels (Damon and Affleck) trying to make it back into heaven.

The newest tale of Joan of Arc opened to a weak fourth place finish. "The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc" raked in \$6.3 million on 2,147 screens. The success of CBS's miniseries following the French saint, along with slams from critics, hurt the chances of triumph for "The Messenger."

Susan Sarandon's new mother/daughter drama, "Anywhere But Here," OPENED in fifth place with \$5.7 million and with a \$3,407 per screen average (which was better than "The Messenger"'s \$2,934).

The big loser of the week's new movies was "Light It Up," which did exactly the opposite of its title. The high school drama starring Vanessa L. Williams and pop music star Usher did not even break the top 10 with a five-day total of \$3.2 million.

Next weekend will see a change atop the box office mountain as Pierce Brosnan and Denise Richards bring the newest James Bond film "The World is Not Enough" to theaters.

## TOP 5 MOVIES

1  
"Pokemon: The First Movie"  
\$32.3 million

2  
"The Bone Collector"  
\$12 million

3  
"Dogma"  
\$8.7 million

4  
"The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc"  
\$6.3 million

5  
"Anywhere But Here"  
\$5.7 million

KELLY ESTES/contributing artist &amp; MICHELE JOHNSTON/graphics editor



# 'Step into t of Special

Story by Senior Writer Jen Bo

Photos by Photo Editor Alex Vessels and Senior P



**PHOTOS:** Hub of The Roots swings it for the Convo crowd [bottom left]; Infectious Organisms [left]; Scratch of The Roots [top]; The Roots' bassist Hub [center]; G. Love [top right]; The Roots drummer, Questlove [bottom right]



Underground hip-hop and blues rock prevailed in the Convocation Center Sunday night as the University Program Board presented the first school-wide concert of the year.

G. Love & Special Sauce and The Roots performed for 2,438 students in a four hour show.

Richmond's Infectious Organisms, a hip-hop group comprised of Virginia Commonwealth University students, kicked off the show with an energetic half hour set.

Off of their self-titled album, the Organisms threw out dark and hard beats to the growing floor crowd, including the "Red October Medley," which integrated original work with a hyped-up version of the Beastie Boys "Sure Shot."

Vocalists Jean Kouame and Felton Martin displayed perfect rapid synchronization during "The Huh" and "Autobiography," and used their raw and exciting stage presence to get the growing floor crowd into the show.

The Organisms, who have also opened for Outkast, Black Star and 2 Skinnee J's,

are continuing their East Coast touring schedule, "as school permits," said bassist Dave Sunderland.

G. Love & Special Sauce were next on the lineup, nearing the end of a month-long tour along the East and West coasts in support of their new album, *Philadelphonic*.

Playing an hour long set, G. Love and crew kicked things off with "Garbage Man" and a Beatles cover.

The band got things heated up with songs from *Philadelphonic* like "Unified" and "Dreamin'" a song that came from a collaboration session with the Long Beach Dub All-Stars.

"Fire on the Mountain" was also a crowd-pleaser, along with "This Ain't Livin,'" which featured a three-minute solo by stand-up bassist Jimi "Jazz" Prescott. There was, however, a feeling of disappointment among the crowd that favorites like "Cold Beverage" and "Baby's Got Sauce" weren't played.

Hyper energy swept through the whole crowd, and everyone was on their feet when the lights went down for The Roots. The two and a half hour set featured

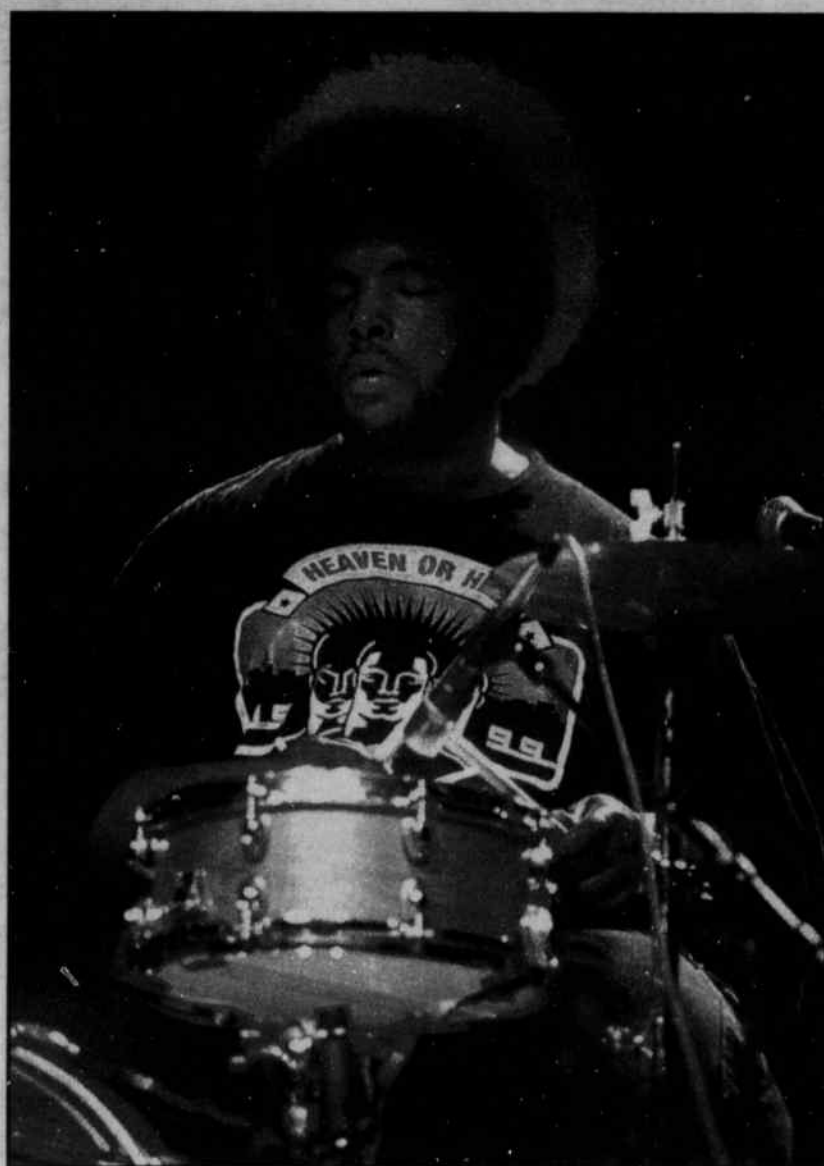
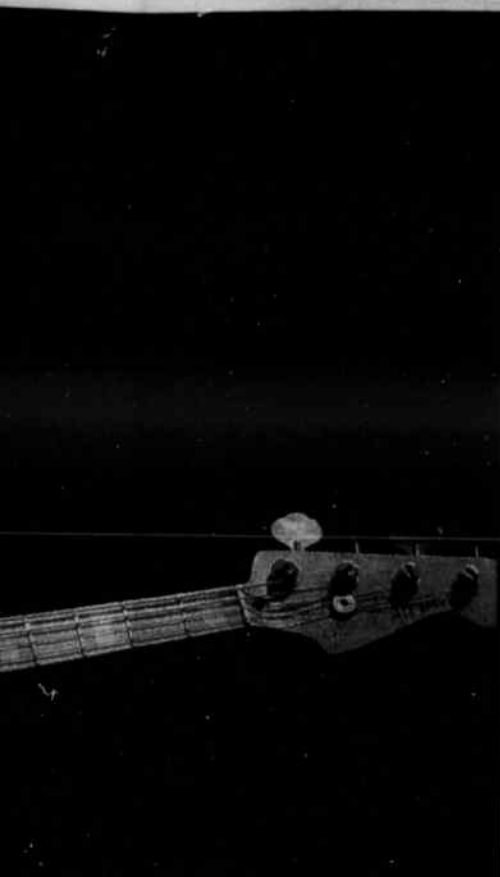


# STYLE

## the Realm' Sauce

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Photographer Robert Natt



## Zoom in

Photo Editor Alex Vessels  
views concert through a lens

I don't mean to brag, but I'd venture to say that I had the best seat in the house for the G. Love and Special Sauce and The Roots show last Sunday. I got to sit in the barricade with the cadets.

### REVIEW

The ear-plugged cadets guarded the stage and were quick to escort any crowd surfers back onto the floor. They didn't have to do much during the G. Love set because the audience wasn't very boisterous.

G. Love lagged on as he faked the funk with some of his new songs. Everyone seemed disappointed that he didn't perform his most popular song.

As I ran into the audience to take photos, I noticed many patrons sitting stiffly in their seats, indifferent to the performance. I sat on the barricade seat, head in hand waiting for some real excitement.

UPB didn't aid the flow of the concert. In between sets, UPB played some candy techno. They should've pumped up the audience with hip-hop, seeing as a hip-hop act was headlining.

The Roots finally took the stage. Lead rapper Black Thought kicked some freestyle sounding rhymes as The Roots backed him.

The Roots then led into their hit "The Next Movement" followed by other hits from their current album, *Things Fall Apart*. The band showed their musical dexterity by using dynamics in changing loudness, instruments and rhythms. With a kick and hit, drummer Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson could turn a hip-hop rhythm into a frenetic cowboy chase music tempo or Caribbean beat. Scratch, a member who can make his voice sound like a record scratching provided the deejaying for the band.

The Roots performed a tight set that included old school classics such as "The Bridge is Over" to current singles like Mobb Deep's "Quiet Storm."

The energy of The Roots was incredible. They didn't simply recite their songs in the same format like other hip-hop acts, they used varied timing and performance to present their songs in a new way.

They finished off the night with my favorite musical genre, TV themes. I leaped to my feet when I heard the opening lyrics of the "Diff'rent Strokes" theme song. I kept waiting for Questlove to say "What chu' talking 'bout, Black Thought?"

At any rate, The Roots were tops. You should've been there.



The Roots' Black Love [above] sings to the Convocation crowd of over 2,300 Sunday night.

songs from their *Things Fall Apart* album as well as mixed medleys of other artists.

Starting things off with "The Next Movement," and "Step Into the Realm," the show took off at top speed and didn't stop. The band did a good job interacting with the crowd, during songs like, "You Had Me," and were impressed with the response they got.

"Last time we were here, there were half as many as you all," vocalist Black Thought told the crowd, shaking his head.

The crowd enjoyed solo highlights from each of the performers, especially bassist Hub with impressive slapping style, drummer Questlove with a five minute drum solo, and Scratch, the house vocal turntable.

Playing two encores, The Roots showcased a medley with classic hip-hop songs, including "Rapper's Delight," "Shake What Ya Mama Gave Ya" and "Baby I Got Your Money."

The Roots finished off the show "playing" Scratch, and leading an audience sing-a-long through themes of old TV sitcoms like "Diff'rent Strokes," "Good Times," and "Cheers."



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## FOCUS

# DIVERSITY: LESS TALK, MORE ACTION

*Based on his experiences as an African-American male at JMU, grad student Michael Andrews challenges us to quit talking and start acting to improve racial diversity*

Some may say that we as humans have the power to speak things into existence. The prefix of the word diversity is "di," meaning two or more. The prefix of the word university is "uni" meaning one. Some may say that this is fitting for what our UNI-versity has become. We say the words "James Madison UNI-versity" every day; however, we are desperately seeking di-versity. See the contradiction?

I received a call two nights ago asking to give my perspective on the di-versity situation at JMU, and how that affects me as an African-American male; a topic of which I could write a book, let alone an article. This is my meager attempt.

Here I am, a 22-year-old African-American male graduate student receiving his master's in May. Due to this fact, some may say that there are no problems.

Thirty-five years ago — some may say — African-Americans were barely allowed to attend UNI-versities. Look at all that progress. I say, 35 years ago, my people were beaten, killed and sprayed with water from fire hydrants because we simply wanted to have a chance. But we are dealing with the right now!

Right now, I can go walk through campus and receive strange looks from people that declare themselves to be "educated."



MEGHAN MONTGOMERY/senior photographer  
Panelists field questions during Monday's panel discussion on diversity. Left to right: Senior Ariel Gonzalez, junior Stephanie Vaughan, senior Stephen Roberts and Mike Flaherty, SGA secretary.

Right now, I can walk into a store in our illustrious Valley Mall and be followed around and treated as a criminal.

Right now, I can walk to our own cashiers' office and get treated like I'm undeserving to attend this fine UNI-versity. People, there is definitely a problem.

Some of our students, administration and staff are diligently working to solve this everlasting problem, a problem that has been in existence for hundreds of years. There is an overwhelming amount of talk about the things we should do; however, there is no

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action. I have been at JMU for almost six years; and in this time, I have attended at least 30 discussions on diversity, panels on diversity, workshops on diversity. Yet still our minority population has decreased for the last six years. What I believe our UNI-versity is lacking when it comes to this topic is ACTION. We ALL lack ACTION. At the diversity panel that took place on Monday, there was talk about what we could do to better this situation. I question, how many people at the discussion and even on the panel did something after the discussion was

over? I challenge all that read this article to do something. I'm not asking anyone to call Bill Clinton and demand the end of racism, however, we all should be challenged to do one thing big or small! At the same time, we cannot force any ideals on anyone if they are not ready to accept them. We, who are trying to enhance diversity, are working against many years of segregation, racism, stereotyping and prejudice. We are working against family teachings, misguided heritage, and a country that enslaved an entire race of people solely for the color of their skin.

There is very little that can be done in one year of active programming and panels to automatically eliminate this issue. Some may be reading this article and feel as if they are on a roller-coaster ride of emotion. Some may ask themselves, "Is there really anything that can be done?" The answer to that question is "yes." We can only move by putting one foot in front of the other, one at a time. We must crawl before we walk, and walk before we run. However, we cannot make someone run the race if they are not ready. If you're on a track team, and you try to run a race before you are ready, you can get hurt. And it could set you back in the entire track meet. Thus moving backwards... We don't want this to happen. Press on.

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# Local musician has good times, good tunes while performing at Calhoun's, Biltmore

AMELIA TABER  
Staff writer

The late diners at Calhoun's Restaurant and Brewing Company slowly fade out as the bar fills with people crowding in to order drinks, socialize and above all, listen to TJ Johnson ('99) perform as he does most Thursday nights.

Johnson, and the three others he regularly plays with at Calhoun's, warm up their instruments while the friendly chatter grows louder in the casual atmosphere.

Then, ready to entertain, Johnson starts with a James Taylor song, appearing laid-back and completely at ease with the mostly JMU audience.

After all, this is small potatoes for a guy who has opened for Emmett Swimming and sat in with the Jerry Garcia Band.

"I just love to perform. I enjoy it so much — that's why I do it," Johnson said, who plays with Mike Kolakowski ('99), Jason Misterka ('99) and Harrisonburg resident Rick Hill (Presbyterian campus minister) when he performs at Calhoun's.

And apparently, their fans enjoy it just as much.

"They have an original style of taking other people's songs and making them their own," said junior Cheyenne Youell.

Junior Pam Thompson said, "They're such nice guys — very sweet and very authentic. After seeing them for the first time, I decided I'd definitely go back. They're so enthusiastic, humorous and talented."

As the night wears on, the beer flows more freely, and the band tailors its music to the party atmosphere.



AMELIA TABER/contributing photographer  
TJ Johnson plays at many Harrisonburg venues. Here, Johnson is seen at Calhoun's Restaurant and Brewing Company, where he often plays.

They take suggestions from the rowdy audience, joke with each other and even change lyrics to include names of some of the regulars.

They have the audience howling with their obviously fun-loving nature, and Johnson looks as if he's been doing this forever.

But it was only after coming to JMU as a freshman that Johnson started learning to play the guitar with a group of friends who already played.

"I loved singing along with them, and I realized in order

to really do that, I had to play guitar, too," Johnson said.

He began to come to concerts with Hill who played folk music all over the Shenandoah Valley. "Rick just said, 'bring your guitar and just try it,'" Johnson said. He soon became comfortable playing in front of other people.

Now TJ has two regular gigs at the Biltmore Grill on Wednesdays with Kolakowski and senior Wes Fan as well as at Calhoun's most Thursdays.

He graduated in May as a human resources management major and is using that to combine his love of music with the business side of the industry. He and Misterka were recently hired by Court Square Theatre to book music acts and they also have their own business, Gunpowder Productions. They book bands, advertise, take care of sound equipment and organize various concerts and events, like the recent Landwirt Music and Wine Festival.

Johnson takes his influence from mostly singer/songwriters of the '60s and '70s. "I like Bob Dylan, Grateful Dead, The Beatles, John Denver — anything like that."

One of his most exciting experiences was opening for the Jerry Garcia Band and sitting in with them in April in Harrisonburg.

"I can't even describe it," he said. "It was pretty unbelievable."

All this experience encouraged Johnson to stay in Harrisonburg after he graduated, however, he is currently looking for places to play in the Richmond, Charlottesville and D.C. areas.


"I'd definitely like to take it as far as I can," he said. "And I always want to have fun with it."



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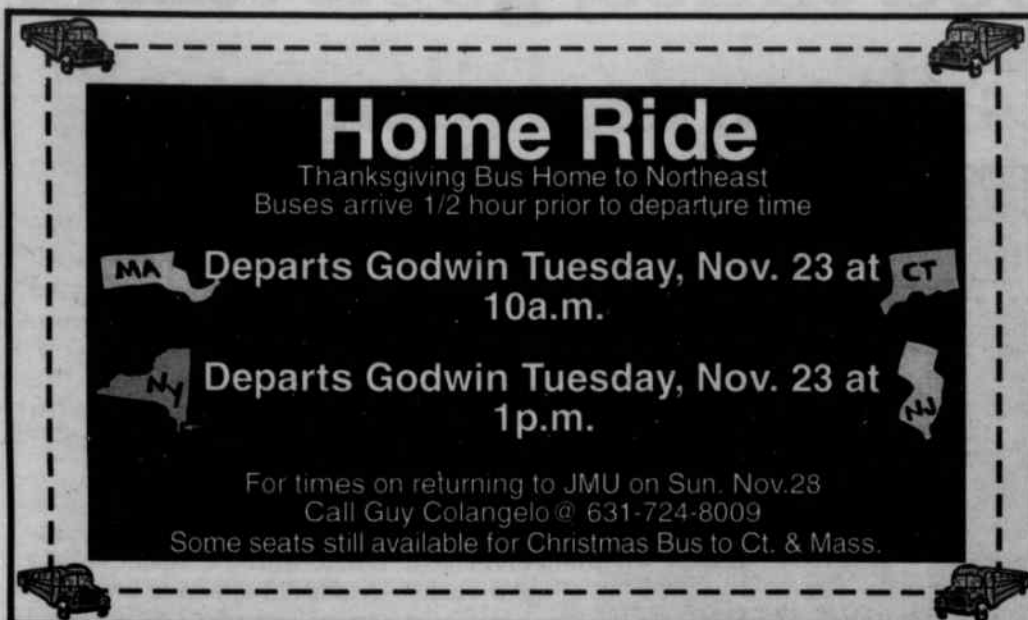


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## SPORTS

# QB shuffle continues this weekend

Season finale against Hofstra may decide whether Dukes host a playoff game

**JASON MCINTYRE**  
Assistant sports editor

Prior to JMU's non-conference tilt with South Florida three weeks ago, Coach Mickey Matthews said he thought quarterback was the most overrated position on the football field.

The first-year coach may want to rethink that statement.

With his top three quarterbacks out with injuries, Matthews is relegated to going to his fourth-stringer, sophomore Chris Paquette, in the Dukes' season finale on the road against No. 4 Hofstra (9-1) on Saturday at noon.

"I still think it's the most overrated position on the football field," Matthews said with a wry smile at his Tuesday press conference.

Matthews, a lifelong defensive coach, was forced to use Paquette in last week's 31-13 win over Richmond when walk-on freshman Mike Connelly left with an injured shoulder and backup John DeFilippo came on in relief but was forced to the sidelines when he suffered two broken ribs and a partially collapsed lung. He

may be lost for the season. Junior Charles Berry, who started the season as the signal caller, is still bothered by a knee injury and will not play Saturday.

Paquette, forced to give up his redshirt this season, will be backed up by freshman Jason Thompson, who has mostly played wide receiver this year. Fullback Robert Carson, who played quarterback in high school and who Matthews said has the best hands on the team, is third string.

"It doesn't take a smart guy to figure out we're not going to throw the ball 40 times," Matthews said sarcastically.

While the sticky quarterback situation might seem like the Dukes' top concern — they didn't attempt a pass in the second half against the Spiders — it's who Hofstra has under center that worries Matthews most.

"They tell me that if the [NFL] draft were held today, he'd go third after that kid at Marshall, [Chad] Pennington, and [Chris] Redman of Louisville," Matthews said.

He, in this case, would be senior Giovanni Carmazzi.

The 6-foot-3, 220-pounder who started his career at Pacific, but then had to transfer when the school dropped the football program, has been unstoppable this season.

His statistics are eye-popping: 191-for-309 for 2,316 yards and 18 touchdowns. NFL scouts drool

over his passing and running ability. He has rushed for 352 yards and 11 touchdowns.

How does Matthews plan on stopping the Flying Dutchmen's aerial assault?

"We've got to keep him in the pocket," Matthews said. "It's tough to prepare for a team that goes no huddle all the time and has four wide receivers out there. The speed of the game is very different."

*"It doesn't take a smart guy to figure out we're not going to throw the ball 40 times."*



**Mickey Matthews**  
JMU football coach

Expect the Dukes to play extensive nickel and dime packages with very little — if any — of their base 4-3 defense. Sophomore linebacker Derrick Pack

(named a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award, given to the top linebacker in Division I-AA) will be dropping back into coverage as defensive

coordinator Dick Hopkins looks to slow Hofstra's vaunted run-and-shoot offense.

"Your best pass defense is a pass rush," Matthews said. After registering no sacks or turnovers in the Dukes' only A-10 loss of the season two weeks ago against Maine, the defense came up big against Richmond, sacking quarterback Jimmie Miles twice and causing four turnovers.

However, the Dukes have followed the same formula all year to their 8-2 record and No. 11 ranking: defense and running back Curtis Keaton. Last week, Keaton ran for 153 yards and two touchdowns and is third in the nation in rushing at 156 yards per game.

As has been the case all year, Keaton will be running behind a makeshift offensive line that has resembled a M\*A\*S\*H unit. The latest casualty: center Jason Inskeep. The junior is hospitalized with a blood clot in his right shin. Senior Cory Clark will be called upon to fill the void.

It is the third major injury the offensive line has suffered this season. Sophomore tackle J.P. Novak started the first three games of the year before being lost for the season with a bone fracture. Junior guard Mike Dealy started the first five games of the season but has played sparingly in the last five with a shoulder problem.

Win or lose, the Dukes will be making their first playoff appearance since 1995, when they lost at Appalachian State 31-24 in the first round.

## JMU begins preparations for playoff game

No. 4 Hofstra and No. 11 JMU. Sounds like a big game. But is it?

The Dukes have clinched the conference title and a playoff berth. Hofstra, a Division I-AA independent, is almost definitely in the playoffs with an 9-1 record.

Does that mean we can expect to see the second team on the field Saturday?

Let's hope not. Bottom line is that JMU will be seeing teams like Hofstra in the playoffs and this could be a good measuring stick for the Dukes.

Also, Hofstra's high-powered offense is notorious for racking up points early. The Flying Dutchmen have outscored their opponents 103-10 in the first quarter.

Can JMU rest its starters and risk falling behind early in the final game before the playoffs?

Finally, this game could make the difference between an away game and a home game in the first-round (and possibly a second- or third-round game) of the playoffs.

JMU did win the A-10, considered one of the tougher I-AA conferences, behind the Southern Conference, but a loss would drop the Dukes to 8-3 and likely push them lower in the rankings.

Sixteen teams make the playoffs, so a 13th or 14th place ranking may not deserve a home game in the first round.

Of course, the other side of the coin says rest the stars and have them at 100 percent for round one of the postseason.

It's an interesting question, but it

sounds like Coach Mickey Matthews is going to play to win on Saturday. He said he will dance with the one that brought him, meaning he will continue to send the JMU defense after Hofstra quarterback Giovanni Carmazzi.

### Playoff Plans Being Made

JMU is already making plans for a possible playoff game in Bridgeforth Stadium on Nov. 27.



If there is a home game, it will take place at noon on that Saturday. The tournament field, pairings and game sites will be announced this Sunday at noon. The selection show will be on Channel 35 on campus.

To accommodate students, JMU dorms will open Saturday evening if the Dukes host a playoff game. The JMU men's basketball game scheduled for that Saturday has also been rescheduled and will be played on the previous night at 7 p.m.

Student tickets will be provided through sponsorships, but students have to

pick up tickets at the Convocation Center ticket office on in the second floor hallway of Godwin Hall from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Student tickets can also be picked up the day of the game.

Student seating will be by reserved section, but not reserved by seat.

Non-student tickets will be available through the JMU ticket office in the Convocation Center. All non-student tickets will cost \$10.

### So long, UConn

Connecticut will leave the Atlantic 10 after this season. The Huskies will have a one- or two-year transition period before joining Division I-A.

The departure of UConn will leave the conference with 10 teams. JMU was slated to play the Huskies next year. Preliminary indications are that the Dukes would face conference member Rhode Island instead.

### Field Goal Found

Three-quarters of the goal post torn down following JMU's win over Richmond have been recovered. JMU Director of Athletics Jeff Bourne said the university will purchase the missing part and reconstruct the goal post. He estimated the total cost to be between \$2,000 and \$2,500.

Mike G. is a senior SMAD and history major. He is looking forward to making the trip up to Lawn Guyland.

## Standings

A-10 Overall	
*James Madison	7-1
Massachusetts	6-1
Delaware	5-2
Villanova	5-2
William & Mary	5-3
Connecticut	4-4
Maine	3-4
Richmond	3-4
New Hampshire	2-5
Rhode Island	1-6
Northeastern	0-7

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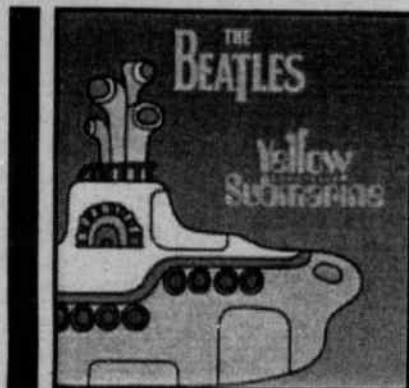
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### Saturday's schedule

Maine at New Hampshire, noon  
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Special Report

# Coaches play more than one role

Part one of a series taking a behind the scenes look at college coaching

**ROB PETRONE**  
Staff writer

First in a series.

"It's amazing what a difference a coach can make."

JMU lacrosse Coach Jennifer Ulehla expressed these sentiments to a pair of recruits and their parents who were in her office Oct. 22. The comment was in reference to the stunning turnaround of the Dukes football team, led by first-year coach Mickey Matthews.

Matthews inherited a 3-8 team that lacked self-assurance. The native Texan, who became accustomed to winning in recent stints as an assistant at the University of Georgia and Marshall University, brought a quiet confidence with him.

It rubbed off.

This year the Dukes (8-2) are enjoying their best season in recent memory. While players win games, it's coaches like Matthews who do everything in their power to give their athletes

the best chance to win come game day.

"You're not just a coach. In this position, you're a psychologist, a therapist, a counselor, a mother, a sister, a best friend, a financial adviser, a salesperson and a businessperson all in one," assistant lacrosse coach Bonnie Conklin said.

It's these aspects of coaching that tend to be overlooked by the public eye. Coaches don't just blow whistles and argue with refs. They have to recruit and develop talented athletes, devise a game plan and motivate their athletes to succeed. They also have to learn to structure team budgets and deal with the media. In addition, they have to make sure their athletes' homework is done on time and that they're staying out of trouble. In other words, coaches act as surrogate moms and dads.

But they also have to win games, because if they don't, they will usually lose their jobs; college athletics is a big business.

Rome wasn't built overnight, neither are successful collegiate athletic programs. These 'architects' know there are many facets to building a championship-caliber squad. One of the more important facets is having a game plan.

The JMU football team is representative of this philosophy. Just ask Matthews. But don't expect a lot of answers. His reluctance risk giving out any information that could hurt his team's chances at winning is as strong as his preparation.

"You're going to have to leave now," Matthews said early one Thursday morning. His staff was preparing for a home game. Having showed up at 8:30 a.m. to sit in on his meeting, hoping to catch a glimpse of the X's and O's that led to the team's one loss in the Atlantic 10, I was instead shown the door at 8:50 a.m.

On the way out the door, a trainer was giving the coach an injury update. About halfway

through, Matthews turned around and requested that any players' names be left out of an article.

Protecting his players, and his team's information, is typical behavior for Matthews.

At a press conference earlier this season, a reporter asked Matthews if he planned on having his fleet-footed freshman quarterback Mike Connelly run the option against South Florida. What ensued was 15 seconds of anxious silence, followed by a vague response to a straightforward question.

"We're going to expand the offense this week," Matthews replied.

Like a good poker player, Matthews wasn't going to show his cards. He knew that, more likely than not, the South Florida coaching staff would check out the local media outlets online and read what was published. His attention to detail is unparalleled.

That aspect of Matthews' personality goes far beyond not leaking any major information to

the press. Matthews analyzes and scrutinizes over every decision affecting his team right up until kickoff.

This is the same coach that, in a highly successful and surprising move, named a walk-on freshman (Connelly) his starting quarterback just two hours before the beginning of the homecoming game against UConn (a 48-14 JMU win in which Connelly rushed for 121 yards).

A student of the game, Matthews' use of game tape is a key component to his winning equation.

"That's what I specialize in, you know, is when we break down the tapes," Matthews said. "I enjoy that part of the game more than anything else."

Matthews' Precaution and attention to detail were partially responsible for the Dukes' unexpected A-10 championship.

What a difference a coach can make indeed.

To be continued...

## Who'll taste sweet in New Orleans?

Not just a national championship prediction; but Joe's the man for Heisman

The world of college football is in a rare state of peace at the moment. Everyone has emerged from last week's Bowl Championship Series fiasco unscathed in a very eventful weekend of games.

Tennessee lost again, thus convincing even a computer that Virginia Tech deserves to be ranked No. 2 in the nation. Even if the Volunteers had won, Tech still probably would have moved up to No. 2 with its trouncing of 19th-ranked Miami, which has the second hardest schedule in football this year.

Penn State lost again, and I couldn't be happier. That's what happens when you start playing teams better than Akron, Indiana and overrated Ohio State. Seeing the Nittany Lions as the second-ranked team in the country for so long made me nauseous. Good linebackers and a legendary coach don't make a good team.

History is the only thing that stands in the way of the Seminoles as Bobby Bowden, despite an incredible tenure at FSU, has never had an undefeated team. His win on Saturday should secure a showdown with the Hokies.

Virginia Tech's No. 2 ranking is the lone highlight in the nonexistent athletic history of Blacksburg. The town is hopping on the Mike Vick bandwagon as the castrated turkeys rip through

their mediocre schedule.

Can you honestly tell me with a straight face that these Hokies have earned their position? They did annihilate then 12th-ranked Syracuse a while ago, but guess what? The Orangemen lost to Rutgers last weekend. Rutgers! Syracuse was the Scarlet Knights' first victory of the season. They're 1-9. That takes care of the whole '62-0' situation.

Now who else have the Hokies beaten? Let's see. JMU, Alabama-Birmingham, Virginia, Rutgers, Pitt and Clemson were all semi-impressive, although Clemson played them tough for three quarters. Not exactly tough competition.

The most telling games of the Hokies' season have taken place over the past two weeks. Tech needed a last second field goal to beat West Virginia. Yes, this is the same Mountaineers squad that lost to Maryland, 33-0. Impressive stuff.

This past week they were able to slaughter the 19th-ranked Miami Hurricanes, 43-10. The problem is, it wasn't the same Hurricanes squad that lost to FSU by 10. These guys were awful.

So Tech's 9-0 record has been the result of a pretty easy schedule. Surely a team such as Purdue or Alabama would also be

undefeated in such a situation. But they're not. And Tech is.

That is the sad underlying truth in all this. The Hokies are a good team. They'd lose to a team like Wisconsin or Tennessee, but they're still a good team. And they are undefeated.

That's all you need to have a shot at the National Championship, as long as your name isn't Tulane or Marshall or any other green team with a bad nickname from the MAC or Conference USA.

### Guest Columnist

— Mike Copps

As far as the most hyped award in sports goes, it appears that Ron Dayne is going to waddle away with the Heisman. However, his numbers pale in comparison to previous running back recipients Ricky Williams, Eddie George and Rashaan Salaam. His team has been playing better than anyone else in football for the past seven weeks, but they could be in Sugar Bowl contention.

Why aren't they? Because Dayne ran for zero yards in the second half of the Michigan game, which they lost by 5 points. Zero yards.

The Heisman is awarded for outstanding play throughout the season, especially in big games. Sure, Dayne broke the career rushing record this week against Iowa. However, as my esteemed colleague Jason McIntyre pointed out, this isn't a lifetime achievement award. This award does not belong in the hands of Dayne. Maybe his offensive line, but definitely not Dayne.

So who does it go to? That's the hard part. There are several contenders.

One of them was involved in one of the most admirable moves of this football season. Purdue quarterback Drew Brees, Heisman contender and guaranteed top five pick in next year's draft, has decided to stay in college for another year.

After Dayne and Brees, there is newcomer, bandwagon extraordinaire Thomas Jones. Everyone's been talking about him lately. Where were all these people before the Florida State game and all of last year? He's been putting up solid numbers in Charlottesville for quite some time.

Jones plays better than Dayne in big games, and has a higher yards-per-game average with a far inferior offensive line and supporting cast. With one game

left against one of the worst defensive units this college year has seen (Maryland), Jones will most likely have more total rushing yards than Dayne. He only needs 128 yards to take the lead.

This brings us to the last two major contestants, Chad Pennington and Joe Hamilton. Pennington, play caller for the Thundering Herd of Marshall. His stats: 31 touchdowns, 3,000 yards passing, 11th ranked team in the Coaches' and AP polls. His stats are quite impressive. His opponents aren't. Marshall plays in the Mid-American Conference with the likes of Toledo and Bowling Green.

This is why my vote goes to Joe Hamilton. This guy can flat out play. He takes over games single handedly. He's Mike Vick with experience.

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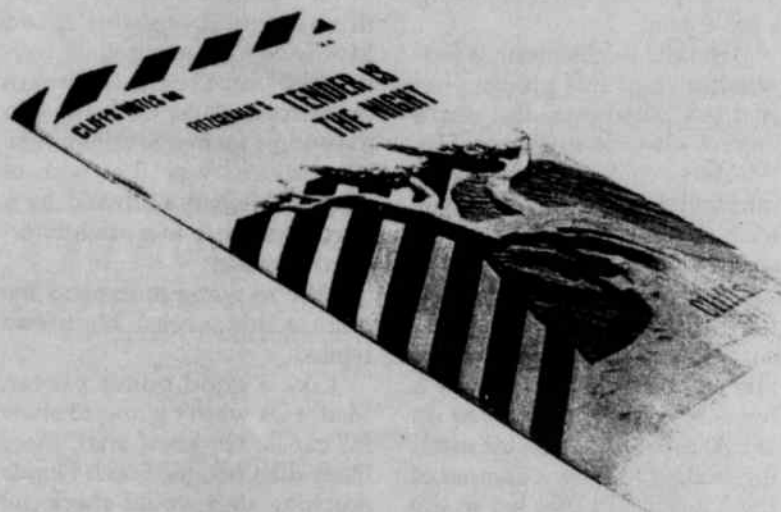
To summarize, Virginia Tech fans will drink away their remaining brain cells on Bourbon Street before losing to Florida State, and Hamilton will get the cold shoulder from the sports world as Dayne is handed the Heisman he doesn't deserve.

Mike Copps is a junior English major who writes well.





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


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6-5  
.636



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copy editor  
66-44  
3-8  
.600



**Mike Gesario**  
sports editor  
66-44  
2-9  
.600



**Courtney Crowley**  
editor  
62-48  
6-5  
.563



**Brian Westley**  
asst. news editor  
63-46  
4-7  
.572

Guest  
Predictor

NFL

Pittsburgh at Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Pittsburgh	Tennessee	Tennessee
Seattle at Kansas City	Seattle	Kansas City	Kansas City	Seattle	Kansas City
Carolina at Cleveland	Cleveland	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	Cleveland
Dallas at Arizona	Arizona	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
N.Y. Giants at Washington	Washington	N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants	Washington	Washington

COLLEGE

Oakland at Denver	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Denver
Ohio State at Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Penn State at Michigan State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Michigan St.	Penn State
Georgia at Mississippi	Mississippi	Georgia	Georgia	Mississippi	Mississippi
Boston College at Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Boston College	Boston College	Notre Dame	Boston College
Florida State at Florida	Florida	Florida State	Florida State	Florida	Florida State

To the tune of Simon & Garfunkel's "Mrs. Robinson": "Where have you gone, Mike Gesario? Picks of the Week turns its lonely eyes to you. Woo, woo, woo. What's that you say, girl in Bangor, Maine, Mike G. has left and gone away. Hey, hey hey. Hey, hey, hey." Mike G.'s career as predictor has fallen off a cliff and burned to ashes, after a disgusting 2-9 week. But one man's loss is another man's gain. In this case, that man is J. Mac, who now holds a four-game lead with three weeks to play. It looks like that party in the Anthony-Seeger computer lab may become a reality.

Marshay has gone back to picking teams because of their mascots. Give her some credit though — she is rooting for Virginia Tech with all her heart. She is bent on

going to the Sugar Bowl for two reasons. One, to root for the Hokies. Two, to take part in some activities usually reserved for Mardi Gras.

Courtney tried to poison the rest of the staff with some suspicious tasting Fun Dip, but luckily the attempt failed. The Chief now wants to issue an executive order that states the other POTW members must forfeit all games next week because it's her father's brother's cousin's barber's daughter's former roommate's birthday.

Brian Westley moves over from the news desk this week. He says he'd rather work for sports, but he just can't tear himself away from the news section. We think those good-looking newsies have some kind of spell on him.

## CLUB SPORTS WRAP UP

### SUPER FIELDRATS FIELD HOCKEY

Five JMU field hockey players have been named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-South Region team.

Seniors **Katrina Hunter** and **Coleen Kreiger** earned first-team all-region honors, and juniors **Whitney Diebolt**, **Amanda Latz** and **Liz Sanders** were named to the second team.

Hunter and Kreiger were repeat selections. Hunter was a second team selection in 1998, and Kreiger in 1997.

Hunter and Kreiger were also selected to play in the North/South Senior All-Star Game to be held Nov. 20 at Northeastern University.

#### MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The team received an at-large bid to the 1999 NCAA National Championship to be held Nov. 22 in Bloomington, Ind. The Dukes will be making their second consecutive appearance in the national race, having earned an automatic bid as the regional champion in 1998.

JMU and first year coach Dave Rinker missed the automatically qualifying cut (the top two teams) by finishing third among 25 teams in Saturday's NCAA Southeast Regional.

The Dukes finished ninth in last fall's national championship, the program's first team appearance. The ninth-ranked Dukes are the 1998 and 1999 Colonial Athletic Champions.

All-Southeast Region performers include seniors **David Spiller** and **Ben Cooke** and sophomore **Mike Smith**.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

JMU has changed the time and date of the men's basketball Nov. 27 basketball game against East Tennessee State.

The game was originally scheduled for 4 p.m. on Nov. 27, but has been changed to Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. The change was made because of the JMU football team's participation in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

The men's basketball team opens the season at home Saturday against North Carolina Greensboro at 7:30 p.m.

#### Last Week

##### Women's Basketball

The team is ranked No. 1 in the East Coast WCBL. JMU won the league championship this past weekend in a tournament held at the University of Maryland. They defeated Pennsylvania in the semifinals and routed North Carolina in the championship game 79-55.

Standout players included: **Becky Porter**, **Susan Korman**, **Laura Flynn** and **Jessica Nadeau**.

##### Women's Volleyball

JMU hosted the 3rd Invitational Tournament this past weekend. Teams that participated were Appalachian State, William & Mary, American, Maryland, UMD-Baltimore County and UVA. JMU was dominant, defeating UMD-BC, Appalachian State, William & Mary, American, and UMD and won the tournament championship against UVA. 25-23, 25-13.

##### Women's Water Polo

JMU defeated UVA. 12-4 this past weekend.

##### Bowling

High Male Scratch Scores

**Corey Fields** - 247, **Ben Maturo** - 234, **Steve Wagner** - 226

High Female Scratch Score

**Karen Castka** - 182, **Kim Payne** - 180, **Laura Walsh** - 160

#### Ultimate Frisbee

This past weekend JMU had a tournament at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. The team went 1-3, defeating UVA. and losing to Maryland, George Washington and Salisbury State.

#### This Week

##### Men's Soccer

JMU leaves Nov. 17 for Nationals in Statesboro, Ga. Games are played through Saturday, and if you want to check up on the team, go to: <http://www.nirsa.org/nl16c21c.htm>

##### Women's Volleyball

JMU travels to the University of Tennessee this weekend for a tournament.

##### Women's Soccer

JMU is going to Georgia Southern University for the National Championship Tournament as # 1 seed in their region this weekend.

Etc.

The Sport Clubs Council is having a can drive to benefit the families of Mercy House starting Nov. 18 and ending Dec. 9 at UREC. Please bring cans of food labeled with your club's name to the welcome desk in the UREC Atrium. There will be a prize for the club that donates the most cans.





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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 6 — Sometimes you believe that you can make things happen even if there's not a shred of evidence. It might seem like everything's possible, but not quite yet. Be patient. Wait until tomorrow.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is an 8 — You should get together with a group of people and make some long-range plans. You and your friends can benefit your whole community. This could be important to others and not much trouble for you. Go for it.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 5 — Take it slowly. Be calm and careful. Listen and don't offer many suggestions. This isn't easy for you, but it's good practice. Your assignment is to learn how the other person thinks, not to solve his or her problems.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is a 9 — You're still lucky and tuned in. Follow your hunches. You should be pretty accurate. You should be able to tell the difference between your hunches and your fears. Empower the hunches. Ignore the fears.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is a 6 — You're doing pretty well right now, especially if you're putting money away for the future. Set up a long-term investment plan. If you already have one, fine-tune it. The more you save now, the more there is to buy toys later.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is an 8 — You and your mate are in an investigative mood. You're both curious, and it will be fun to learn together. Figure out how it was done in the past, and you might make your present more pleasant.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Today is a 6 — You have a lot to do. Your best job requires creativity and could bring in a lot of money. That's what you want to do, and if you've made it that far, congratulations. If you haven't gotten there yet, go that direction.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** — Today is an 8 — Relax and prepare for tomorrow. It's going to be a busy day. Between now and then, mellow out on purpose. Do something that you and a dear friend enjoy — together.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 6 — Changes at home could disrupt your life. Make room for a conversation about something that's bothering you. You and a person who's near and dear have had a misunderstanding. You may not have time to talk later. Make time now.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is an 8 — This is a good day to learn how to delegate. You and your friends can get a lot done, especially if you work together. There's more than enough to go around, so divvy up the tasks. Give everybody a chunk of the action!

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 5 — You're a rational person. You think that reason should triumph over emotion. Well, that doesn't always happen. Today, it's not likely. If you want to understand what's going on, you need to listen with your heart, not with your mind.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is an 8 — You look good. You're calm, cool and attractive. You may get the opportunity to wheel and deal tomorrow. Between now and then, get ready. Do the planning. Relax. Pamper yourself. Get plenty of rest. Prepare.

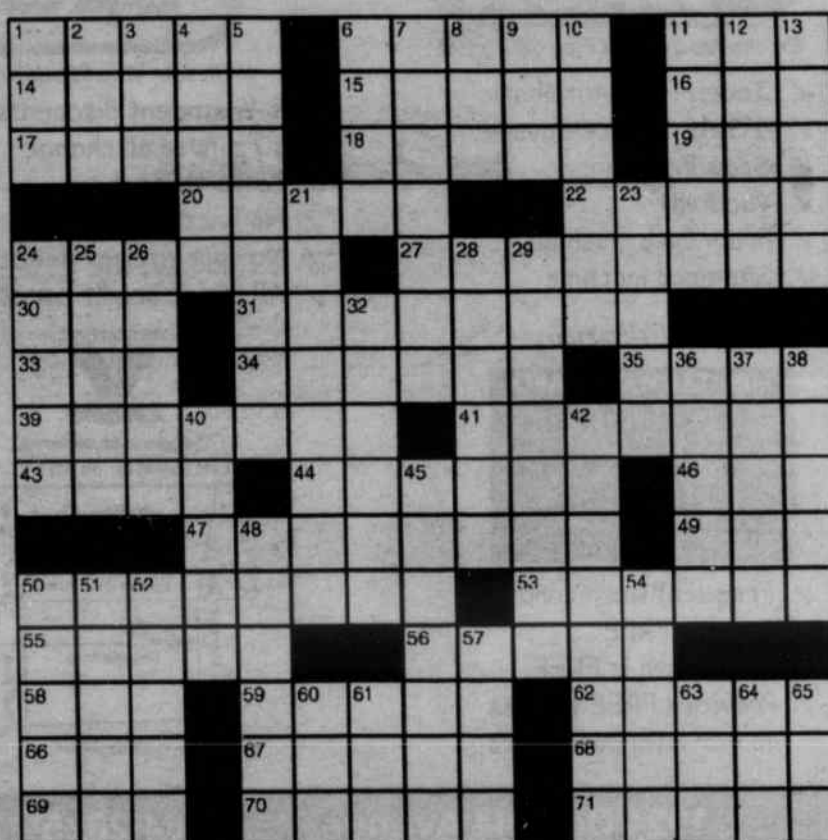
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  - 5 Funicello and O'Toole



- 6 Builder's map
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Answers to Monday's puzzle:

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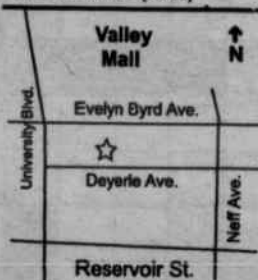
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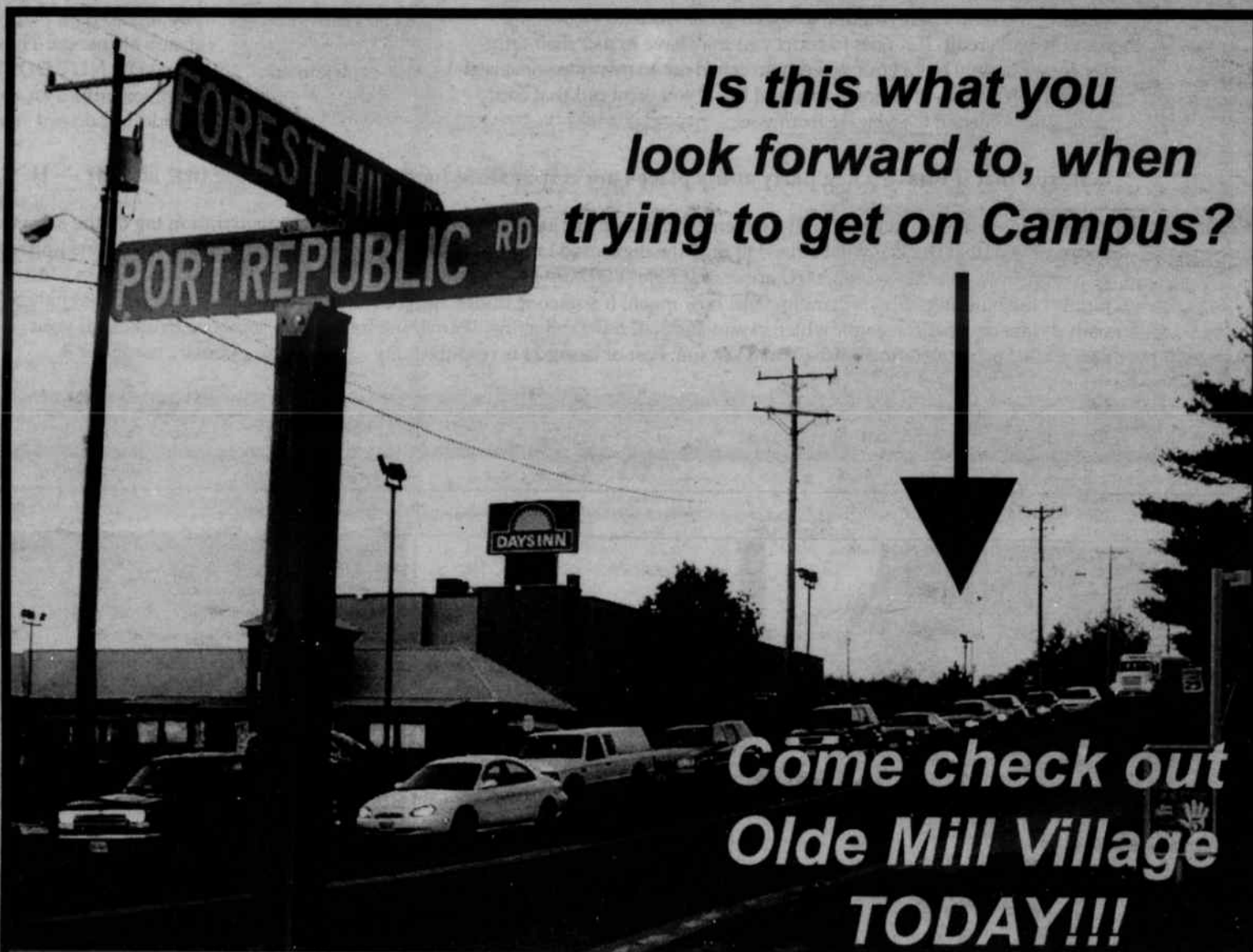
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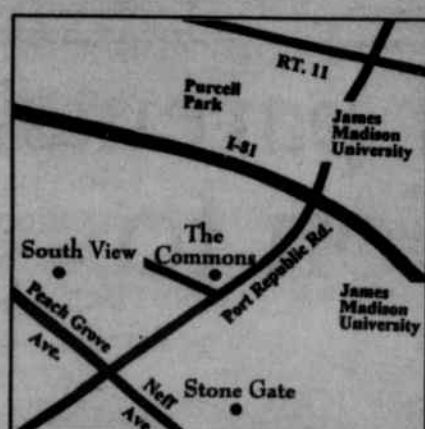
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Nov. 22	Boston University	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 26	East Tennessee State	7 p.m.
Nov. 29	at Liberty	8 p.m.
Dec. 1	at Richmond *	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 4	East Carolina *	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	at East Tennessee State	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	at Radford	7 p.m.
Dec. 18	Long Island	2 p.m.
Dec. 28	St. Peter's	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 31	at West Virginia	2 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Georgetown	noon
Jan. 5	American *	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	George Mason *	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	at Old Dominion *	7:35 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Virginia Commonwealth *	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	at William & Mary *	7 p.m.
Jan. 26	UNC-Wilmington *	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	Richmond *	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Virginia Commonwealth *	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	at East Carolina *	7 p.m.
Feb. 7	at UNC-Wilmington *	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	at American *	2 p.m.
Feb. 16	William & Mary *	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	Old Dominion *	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Towson	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 26	at George Mason *	4:30 p.m.

March 3-6 at CAA championships, Richmond

\* denotes CAA game

@ Game has been moved due to possible football playoff game  
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## Women's Schedule

Nov. 19	Wagner	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 23	Murray State	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 26	at DePaul Moran Realty Classic	6 p.m.
Nov. 27	vs. Northwestern State	6 p.m.
Nov. 27	Consolation 6 p.m./Championship 8 p.m.	8 p.m.
Dec. 2	Virginia Tech	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Rhode Island	2 p.m.
Dec. 11	at St. Francis (Pa.)	3 p.m.
Dec. 19	Coppin State	2 p.m.
Dec. 22	Maryland-Baltimore County	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 29	Howard	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 2	Rider	2 p.m.
Jan. 7	East Carolina *	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Richmond *	2 p.m.
Jan. 14	George Mason *	7:30 p.m.
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Feb. 20	William & Mary *	2 p.m.
Feb. 25	Old Dominion *	7:30 p.m.

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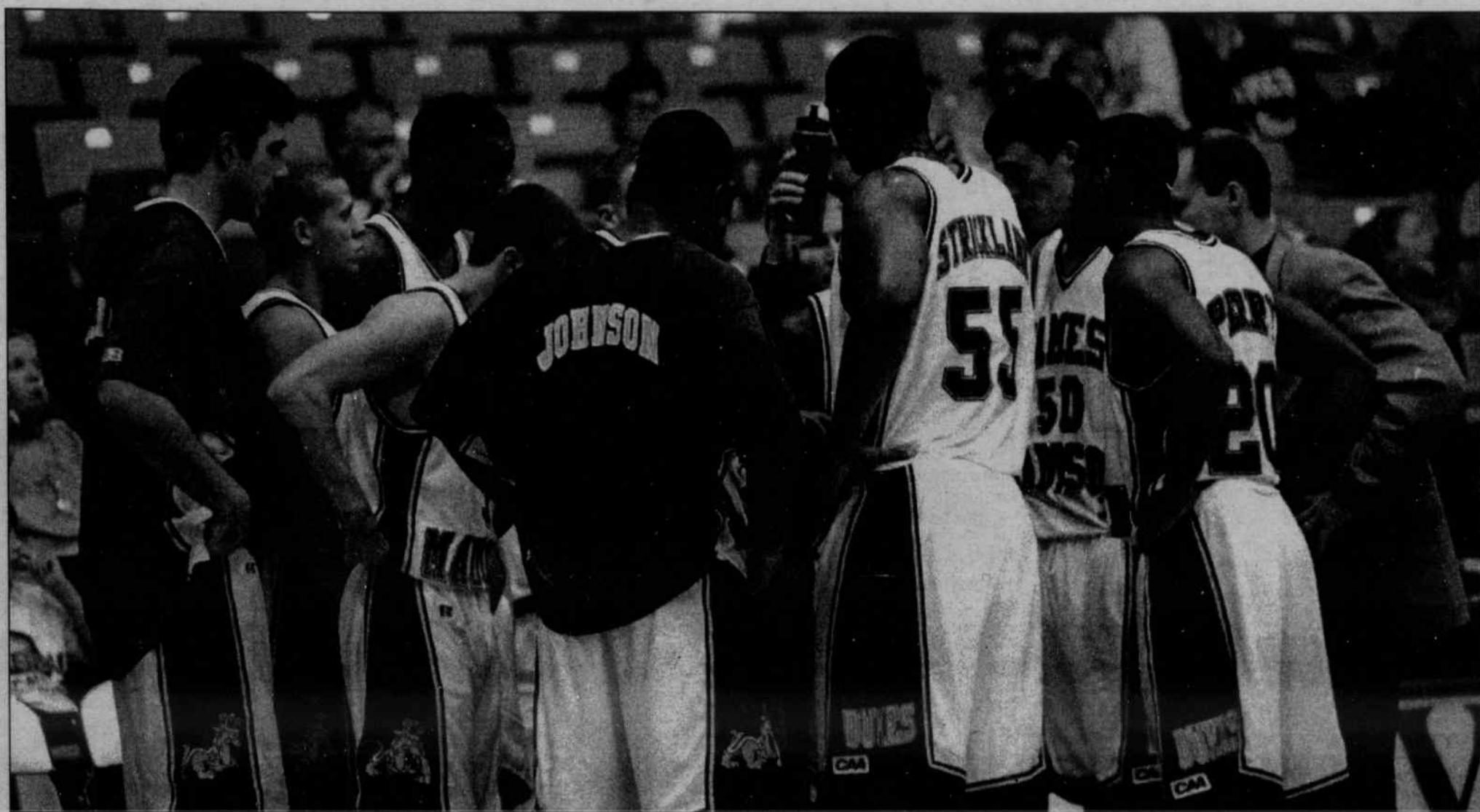
#3 Charlie Hatter	6'4" Freshman Guard	Lyndhurst, Va.	Stuarts Draft
#4 Jerian Younger	6'8" Freshman Forward	Danville, Va.	George Washington
#10 Dwayne Braxton	6'3" Junior Guard	Dilwyn, Va.	Buckingham
#12 David Fanning	6'0" Freshman Guard	Chesapeake, Va.	Western Branch
#20 Jamar Perry	6'4" Senior Guard	Pleasantville, N.J.	Pleasantville
#30 Jabari Outtz	6'0" Senior Guard	Upper Marlboro, Md.	Good Council/Howard
#31 Mickey Dennis	6'3" Junior Guard	Hot Springs, S.D.	Hot Springs/ND-Williston C.C.
#32 Kevan Johnson	6'6" Senior Forward	Preston, Md.	Colonel Richardson
#42 Pat Mitchell	6'7" Freshman Forward	Washington, D.C.	Gonzaga
#50 Tim Lyle	6'8" Sophomore Forward	Poca, W.Va.	Poca
#51 Ian Caskill	6'10" Freshman Center	Virginia Beach, Va.	Frank Cox
#55 Rob Strickland	6'10" Senior Center	Pleasantville, N.J.	Pleasantville

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#5 Jess Cichowicz	5'9" Freshman Guard	Victoria, Australia	Rowville Secondary College
#10 Nadine Morgan	5'10" Freshman Forward	Stone Mountain, Georgia	Stone Mountain
#14 Mandy White	5'9" Junior Guard	Columbus, Ohio	Bishop Hartley
#21 Chanté Alexander	6'2" Freshman Forward	Baltimore, Md.	Milford Mill Academy
#23 Allyson Keener	5'6" Sophomore Guard	Lafayette, Calif.	Campolindo
#25 Hassanah Abdullah	5'8" Sophomore Guard	Jersey City, N.J.	St. Anthony's
#32 Shanna Price	5'9" Freshman Forward	Danville, Va.	George Washington
#34 Katie Hardbarger	6'1" Sophomore Forward	Millboro, Va.	Bath County
#35 Stacey Todd	6'2" Junior Center	Englewood, Colo.	Cherry Creek
#50 Hollie Franklin	6'5" Sophomore Center	Lynchburg, Va.	Rustburg
#54 Molly Williams	6'3" Freshman Forward	Olney, Md.	Sherwood

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The JMU men's basketball team opens its season Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. when UNC-Greensboro visits the Convocation Center. Seven players from last season's 16-11 squad return to the Dukes this year. Seniors Jabari Outtz, Jamar Perry and Rob Strickland are the team's three returning starters.

## Dillard hopes third year is charm

*With talented freshman class, JMU finally has depth, size to challenge in the CAA*

**JASON MCINTYRE**  
Assistant sports editor

For the first time in his three years as head coach of the JMU men's basketball team, Sherman Dillard finally has the two essentials he thinks will carry his squad to the upper echelon of the CAA: depth and size.

After last year's disappointing finish — losing their last three games to finish 16-11 — Dillard, the former All-American and NBA draft pick, went out and recruited height.

However, after splitting two exhibition games, the frontcourt remains harder to figure out than programming a VCR. The size is there in the post — mountain-like 6-foot-10, 260-pound Rob Strickland and don't call-him-wide-body Ian Caskill (6-10, 245) — but is the intensity?

"One of the things that bothered me all last season was our inability to establish an inside game," Dillard said. "And because of that, the attention of our recruiting was to go out and find people who could help us inside."

Strickland, a former top 100 blue chip recruit, has been an enigma since arriving in Har-

risonburg four years ago from Pleasantville (N.J.) High School.

He only scored in double figures twice in the final 14 games of last season, but every now and then, his alter-ego will make an appearance. Out of nowhere, he will post up, drop step and dunk over an opponent. Case in point: last season's 14-point, 10-rebound performance against ODU and their NBA first-round pick Cal Bowdler.

Caskill, a Virginia Beach native, "has showed a great deal of promise already in the first three weeks of practice," Dillard said. "He's got a nice touch for a big guy, and he's got size."

Starting at power forward will be Tim Lyle. The sophomore surprised the league last year when he emerged as a legitimate threat, finishing the year with averages of seven points and four rebounds a game.

"We all know he hit that period where he wasn't as productive as he was earlier in the year," Dillard said. "But in Timmy, I have never coached a young man who works any harder at the game and responds better to coaching."

"At times last year, he was playing center for us, and

Timmy's not a center. He's a four man, and I think he has a chance to play some three spot for us." Lyle showed that potential by hitting 3-for-3 on three pointers in the team's first exhibition game of the preseason.

More of a low post threat than Lyle is 6-foot-7 freshman Pat Mitchell.

A bruiser from the famed Gonzaga (D.C.) High School program where he became the school's first four-year letterman, Mitchell was suspended in the preseason by Dillard for a violation of team rules.

"He's missed a few days of practice, and I think that's hampered his progress a little bit," Dillard said. "But when it comes to scrimmage time, he comes to play."

Another freshman Dillard is expecting to contribute in the frontcourt is 6-foot-8 jumping jack Jerian Younger. The rail thin Danville native, named the Group AAA state player of the year, has excited fans in the preseason with his shot blocking ability as well as his ability to play above the rim.

"He's a long drink of water," Dillard said of his 205-pound freshman who has suffered

through some fainting spells since arriving on campus in August.

"I think he has a chance to be superb for us," Dillard raved. "But fatigue has gotten the best of him, and we've talked about his eating habits."

The other glaring hole Dillard had to fill was that of his superstar slasher, all-CAA performer Chatney Howard.

Not only did he graduate and take with him the ability to take the ball to the hoop and bury the three pointer, but he also took his 14.8 points per game with him.

Who'll step into that role?

"I think it has to be a wing by committee," Dillard said. "I don't know if we have one guy who can step in and be that kind of player Chatney was. I think with a collection of guys who bring different things to the table, we can try and get the job."

While Dillard started junior Dwayne Braxton at the small forward in the two exhibition games, it should be a dogfight on the wing all season.

Junior college transfer Mickey Dennis brings with him lofty credentials from North Dakota Williston Community College — 20 ppg as a sophomore and a

spot on the junior college All-American team.

"We got lucky with Mickey," Dillard said. "He fell in love with the metropolis that is Harrisonburg and decided this is where he wanted to be."

"As time goes on, Mickey Dennis will be able to step in and be a big contributor for us."

Kevan Johnson, a senior strongman at 6-foot-6, is a terror on the glass, was second on the team in blocked shots and possesses a decent short range hook shot.

However, the strength of this team is the backcourt.

All-conference performer Jabari Outtz, suspended for the team's first two games, will assume the point guard duties and join senior Jamar Perry to form a deadly backcourt tandem.

Redshirt freshman Charlie Hatter and freshman David Fanning should see ample time off the bench.

Fanning, maybe the most impressive of the rookies, has an ultra-quick first step, and can create in the lane. Depending on the point guard's development, he could shift Outtz to two guard and Perry to small forward.



# Outtz ready to make point

*Senior ready to run the show in '99*

— By Jason McIntyre

If there's a way you don't want to open the college basketball season, it's on the sidelines in street clothes.

Not nursing an injury or red-shirting, but serving a two-game suspension for violating team rules.

That's the situation senior all-CAA guard Jabari Outtz faces opening the 1999-2000 season.

"It's very frustrating," said Outtz, the Dukes' leading scorer last year at 15 points per game. "I let those 11 guys in the locker room down. But the team's been great supporting me."

Outtz, who failed to score in double digits only three times in 27 games last season, is slated to regain the point guard duties when he returns for the Dukes' third home game of the season Nov. 26 against East Tennessee State. However, that might not be the only position he plays.

"Jabari is really a combo guard," Coach Sherman Dillard

said. "At times, he can be equally effective or more effective as an off-guard where he doesn't have to handle the ball so much."

Regardless of where the 6-foot, 175-pound Outtz plays, he will be called upon for at least one thing: putting the ball in the basket.

"Everywhere I've played I've

been the go-to guy,"

Outtz said matter-of-factly. "Last year we went to Chatney [Howard], but I don't think he was our only go-to guy. Jamar [Perry] was

**Jabari Outtz**  
JMU basketball player

one, I was one, it was really the three of us."

However, Dillard will watch closely how much he uses Outtz, out of fear of wearing down the Maryland native who transferred from Howard University after two seasons.

"I do believe last year we may have worn Jabari down in games by forcing him to be the primary ballhandler all the



Guard Jabari Outtz scored double digit points in all but three of the Dukes' 27 games in 1998-'99. He averaged 15 points per game, the most on the team.

time," Dillard said. "He was forced to break down the pressure, push the ball down the floor, get us in our offense, and

oh, let's not forget, score for us."

Scoring has never been a problem for the Outtz, who also led the Dukes in assists and steals last year. With the addition of freshman point guard David Fanning, some of the ball-handling pressure could be taken off Outtz, who would shift to the two guard. The move would also create more scoring opportunities for senior Jamar Perry, who would then shift to small forward.

"If we can somehow get the ball out his hands, and make him the recipient of some of those passes, I think (Outtz) can become a better player," Dillard said.

With the CAA having graduated some of its better back-court talent at Richmond, UNC-Wilmington and George Mason, Outtz and Perry — or Outtz and Fanning — could be dominant at times. However, they might not have a say in the matter; Dillard is still searching high and low for inside scoring.

If there has been one knock on Outtz's game, it has been his shot selection. While his numbers from last year — 39 percent from the field, 34 percent from behind the three-point arc — don't necessarily reflect it, Outtz has never seen a shot he didn't like.

"Unless Coach Dillard comes up to me saying there's a problem with my shot selection, I don't see a problem with it," Outtz said.

This summer, the Good Counsel high school product returned to the Washington, D.C. area to play in the famed Kenner Summer Basketball League. Among his competitors: Louis Bullock, Steve Francis and Sam Cassell.

Did Outtz pick up anything new we can look for from him?

"Yeah, the biggest thing on the next level is finishing," he said. "It doesn't matter what shot they shoot, but the bottom line is you have to finish the shot. Toughness is important."

Outtz, after his Dukes fell to Court Authority in JMU's final exhibition game on Nov. 12, made a bold prediction.

"I don't think when I get back we'll lose another home game."

## Outtz in 1998-'99

- 27 Games Played
- 25 Starts
- 15.0 points per game
- 3.9 rebs per game
- Team leader in assists
- Second-team all-CAA



FILE PHOTO BY ROBERT NATT

Senior guard Jabari Outtz is scheduled to return to the Dukes' lineup on Nov. 26 when JMU hosts East Tennessee State. He will miss the first two games of the season for violating team rules.



# Q & A

## with Coach Bud Childers

**KELLY GILLESPIE**  
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Head women's basketball coach Bud Childers sat down for a question and answer session about various topics prior to the upcoming basketball season.

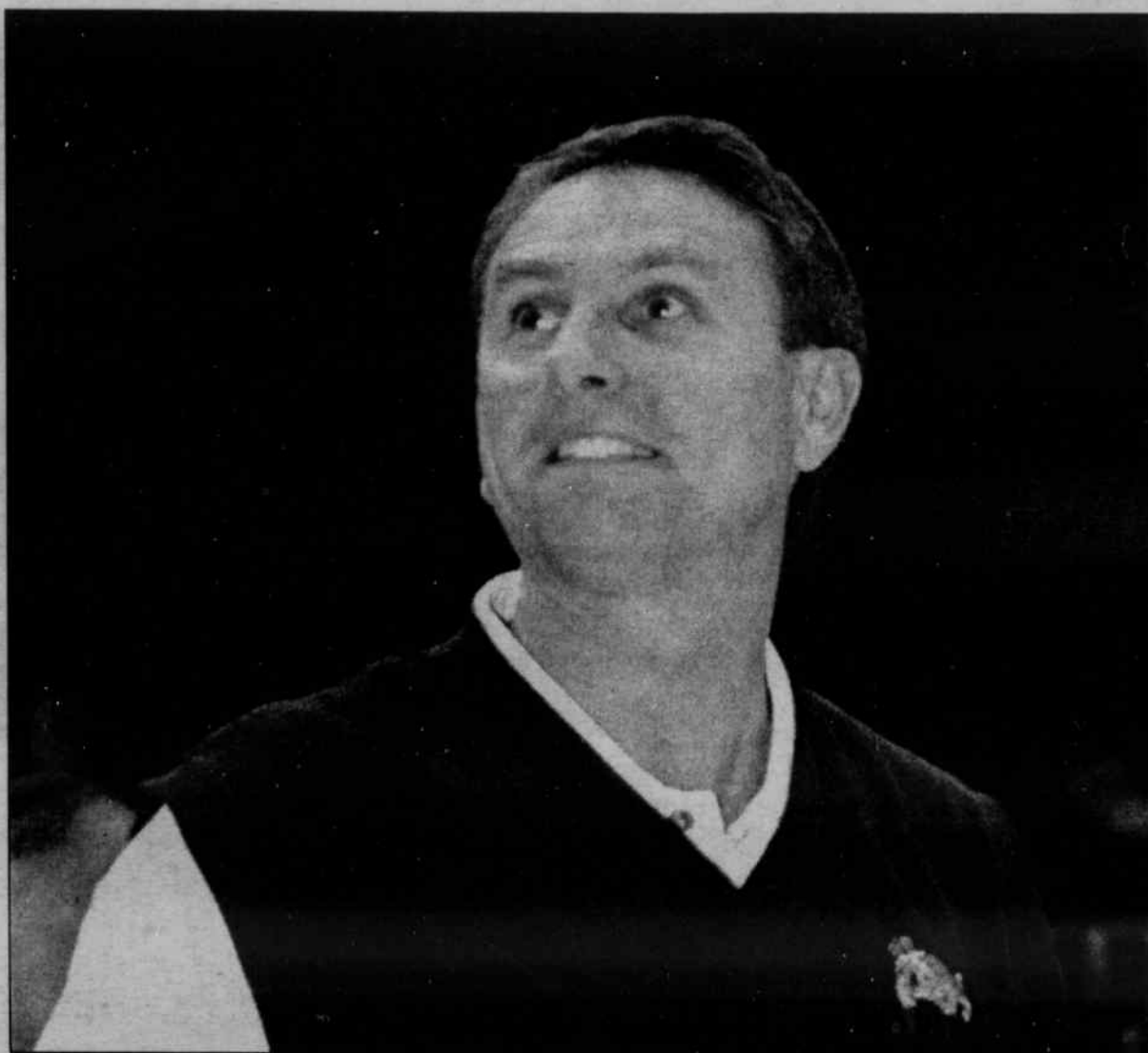
**Q:** Before we start talking about the team, how are things for you and your family here in Harrisonburg? I know it has been three years, but sometimes it takes awhile to adjust when moving from a city like Louisville to a place like the Valley.

**A:** Well, it was a much different adjustment for my family than me, because, as a coach, I

pretty much live in the gym. When we moved, though, I think it was really hard on my oldest son, Brett, who had to change high schools his senior year. Brad, our youngest son came here in the 7th grade, and was able to get in two years of middle school here before going into the high school. For him it was good, and he seems happy here. My wife, however, it was really tough on her, but I think she is adjusted now, and definitely thinks of this as her home.

**Q:** Do things look good enough that you plan to be at JMU a long time?

**A:** Well, yeah, I think we'll stay here awhile. Definitely



KATIE WILSON/photo editor

**Bud Childers enters his third season at head coach of the women's team. In his first year, he led JMU to a 17-11 record, and was ousted in the second round of the CAA tournament.**

long enough for Brad to finish high school. So that will be at least a few more years, and when he graduates, Brett will be graduating college, too. We like it around here, yeah, we're settling in.

**Q:** Was JMU what you expected when you came from Louisville? Why did you choose to come here?

**A:** Well, I knew it would be a challenge, so it was what I expected in that aspect. As far as leaving Kentucky, I just think about what a friend told me once, another coach, who said that 'a coach should never outstay his welcome' and that 'seven years was long enough.' I had been at Louisville for eight years, so I figured it was time for a change.

I was ready for the challenge of JMU, though, and I think it has taken these last two years to get everything worked out.

**Q:** What were things like here at the beginning for you, concerning the team and such?

**A:** It was surprising, actually. I felt like I got here but didn't inherit a lot of good basketball players. There were definitely some good athletes, but I was just surprised at how many lacked the basic fundamentals of basketball, like ball handling, passing and shooting. I got through the first year, the 'honeymoon' year, and in the second year reality set in. Now, in the third season, my feet are planted

on the ground. I know the university, I know the people I work with, my players and I am familiar with our opponents.

**Q:** Last year was the Dukes worst season since 1984, what went wrong? How is this year going to be different?

**A:** Last year was bad, it was my worst season ever as a coach. It came as a surprise to me back then, but in retrospect, it was not as surprising. It was such an odd blend; there were some good experienced athletes, who were used to the previous program, and there were the young players who seemed to be intimidated by the older ones. We didn't mix well, no chemistry. As far as this season goes, we don't talk about the past, we are just focusing on the now, and looking towards the future.

This group is much more together, and because they are so young, they will have a long time to play together. These 12 girls will play for over 60 ball games together, and minus the two juniors this year (Mandy White and Stacey Todd), they will play for 90 games.

There are no preconceptions here, we have a fresh start and I think we are better off because of our youth. It is a learning system, they are all progressing at the same pace. The fact that they are gonna all be playing for two whole seasons is exciting.

**Q:** How does this team differ

from those you have coached in the past?

**A:** The ages, this team is young. That is what makes it stand out from almost every other team. I would say, unofficially, we have to have the youngest players in the NCAA. I don't know of anybody else who has ten of their twelve players who are freshman and sophomores. Like I always say, the most consistent thing about a young team is the inconsistency. Just like in the exhibition game, there were times we played so well, and other times we look like we have never played together. They will be adjusting all year, and developing into a great squad.

**Q:** Who are you looking to be your biggest contributors, both offensively and defensively?

**A:** This year, there will be so many, I think everyone will contribute. We will miss (So.) Jody (Williams) until she gets recovered, but that could be tomorrow, it could be in January. With the type disc and nerve injury she has, it is hard to tell, and that is something we don't want to rush. So, we have had to rearrange a little bit out there. So far it has been working out for us.

I am confident that (Australian freshman) Jess Chicowicz



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**Childers previous coaching gigs including stops in Murray State and Louisville. With the Cardinals, Childers took them to the NCAA tournament three times, including first round wins in 1993 and 1995.**

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# Leaders of a new generation

*Sophomore Allyson Keener and junior Mandy White emerge as JMU's captains*

— By Mike Gesario

JMU's Mandy White is a junior. Teammate Allyson Keener is just a sophomore.

Yet these two guards were selected by their teammates as the captains of the 1999-2000 JMU women's basketball team.

White and Keener were chosen for several reasons — they both lead by example on and off the court, their teammates find them easy to talk to and both players obviously excel at the game of basketball.

White, from Columbus, Ohio, is known for her hustle on the court. She suffered a series of concussions late in the season last year as a result of her diving after loose balls.

In 1998-'99, White played in all 27 of the Dukes' games. She started 17 of those games and averaged 5.0 points per game. She led the team in scoring three times as a sophomore and twice as a freshman. White scored a career-high 23 points in a game against Northeastern last January.

"Without a doubt, so far in the preseason, our most valuable player in three weeks of practice has been Mandy White," Coach Bud Childers said. "A lot is to be expected out of Mandy this year."

Childers has often joked about having White practice with boxing headgear (to prevent her from getting hurt) or a quarterback's vest (to let other players know that she can't be hit).

"She still nurses an occasion headache," Childers said. "It seems like it's hard to keep Mandy off the floor or diving into walls or taking charges. She is a valuable member of the team and we need to keep her around."

White said she simply doesn't think about her past injuries while on the floor. Hustling is the only way she knows how to play.

"I think it worries everyone else more than it does me," White said. "I'm not thinking about it when I'm the court."

Keener, a native of Lafayette, Calif., has been playing more of

the two guard during the preseason this year, after being at the point guard position a year ago. She missed 13 games last year with a broken foot, but played in the Dukes' other 17 games, averaging 3.9 ppg. She also led JMU in free-throw percentage at 86.7 percent.

While in high school, Keener was named the California Coaches Poll Player of the Year (1997) and North Coast Section Scholar Athlete of the Year (1998). She was named to the all-state squad during each of her four years.

"[Keener] has come back this year in great shape with a great attitude," Childers said. "She's one of our best shooters. She's a savvy player. She is going to be a real essential player."

The 5-foot-8 Keener is still adjusting to the new shooting guard position, but she performed well in the Dukes' final exhibition game, hitting five of eight from the field including two or three from three-point range for 13 points.

"Allyson has been a trooper with the shooting guard thing," Childers said following the exhibition game. "Allyson is a great three-point shooter so she shifted over there and assumed a lot of that responsibility. She got the job done."

This year Keener and White are expected to continue to perform well on the floor.

They are also expected to guide this young Dukes' team — a squad without a senior — on and off the basketball court.

White said she likes the challenges that come with being team captains.

"I'm excited about it," the 5-foot-9 White said.

"They [the freshmen] are new and they want to learn. My freshman year I

came in and asked a million questions. They are already coming to us and asking us stuff in practice or in the locker room. I



PHOTOS BY KATIE WILSON/photo editor

Sophomore guard Allyson Keener, above and below, and junior guard Mandy White, bottom left, are the Dukes' team captains for the 1999-2000 season.

think they feel comfortable coming to us."

Of course, this is also new ground for the two. White has played in 29 games in her two seasons, while Keener has played in 17 — only three of which she started. Yet, they are considered the team leaders.

"We are kind of forced to take the role of veterans," Keener said. "If we have a bad practice, [Childers] looks to us to pick the team up."

White said, "The team looks at us to take a leadership role. There are other people who were here last year, but we are the veterans and we are also the captains."

While they may not have the experience that team captains traditionally have, it would be unfair to say that White, 20, and Keener, 19, have not grown and matured tremendously while at JMU.

"Because we're kind of forced to be veterans, I feel a little more comfortable," Keener said. "I don't feel like I am a sophomore."

Last season the two players went through a difficult season, with the Dukes winning just 11 games and having a host of off-the-court problems to deal with.

"Personally, coming in and having a year like that was really tough," Keener said, looking back on both the on and off-court happenings of her freshman year. "I had never been on a losing team in my life. It's tough

to come in and go 11-20."

White and Keener don't like to speak about the troubles of last year's squad, Keener simply said, "You learn and you move on."

White said, "Those of us who were here, know what happened. It's not going to happen again. It's our job as the veterans to lead the freshmen."

Last year's experience has also helped Keener and White determine what good captains can and should do for their team.

Just a few years removed from their first seasons at JMU, they vividly remember their freshman campaigns.

"You kind of have to find your place. You have to question 'Am I good enough to be playing here?'" Keener said, recalling the nervous feeling of being a freshman on a collegiate team. "Even though I didn't get a whole lot of experience, just going through

last year, I learned so much."

While the Dukes are certainly one of the youngest teams in the conference, that doesn't mean other teams should expect to walk all over them.

Keener and White are doing their part to help their younger teammates adjust to the college game and college life.

"We are a young team and we've got a lot to learn, but I think the freshmen are catching on real fast," Keener said.

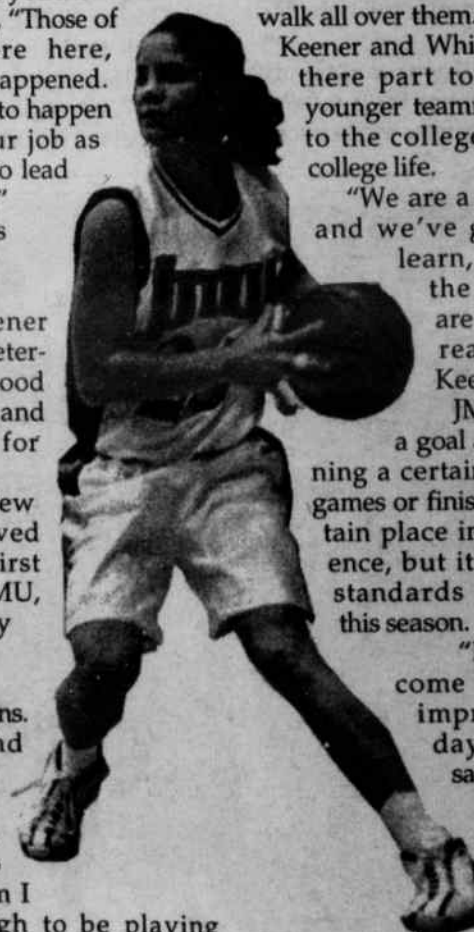
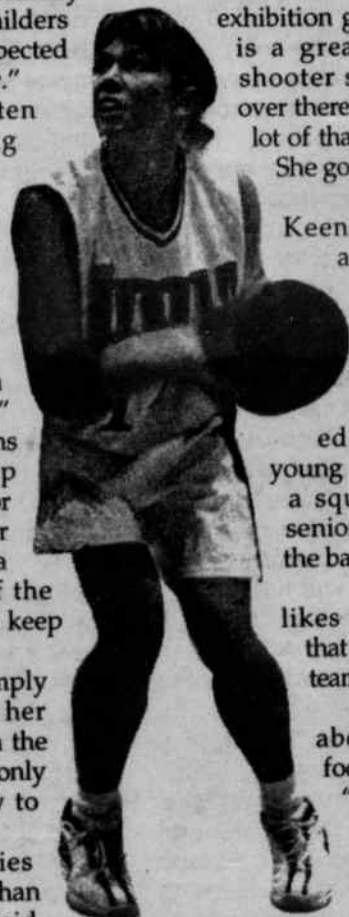
JMU hasn't set a goal as far as winning a certain number of games or finishing in a certain place in the conference, but it still has set standards to shoot for this season.

"It's a goal to come out and improve every day," Keener said.

Plus, scrappy, hustling players cut from same mold as

Keener and White tend to thrive on being the underdogs.

"You've got nothing to lose when you are the underdog," Keener said.







# The end of the road . . .

High school teammates Jamar Perry and Rob Strickland prepare for their final season together

**KEITH FEIGENBAUM**  
senior writer

In the 1998 film "Pleasantville," director Gary Ross portrays a world void of sex, lies and missed jump shots. If JMU senior men's basketball players Jamar Perry and Rob Strickland, both natives of Pleasantville, N.J., have half the hoops success of their movie counterparts, then the utopia previously known only on the silver screen could find its way into JMU's Convocation Center.

After four years of sub-par final outcomes, Perry and Strickland might just settle for an NCAA berth. The two contrasting (Perry is 6-foot-4 shooting guard and Strickland a 6-foot-10 center), though complementary players have just the kind of backgrounds needed to achieve such a lofty goal.

As juniors and seniors at Pleasantville High, a mid-sized school located five miles from the glitter of Atlantic City, Perry and Strickland led the basketball team to consecutive Tournament of Champions titles — establishing them as New Jersey's elite team. Along the way, the duo defeated such high-profile opponents as Tim Thomas of Paterson Catholic (currently the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks) and the Indiana Pacers' Al Harrington, a graduate of powerhouse St. Patrick's of Elizabeth.

"All we knew how to do was win," said Perry, the Dukes' third-leading scorer at 12.9 points per game in 1998-'99. "I think we brought that winning edge here."

In addition to a winning aura, the high school stars brought with them large expectations upon committing to JMU and their coach Lefty Driesell. In fact, Driesell was a significant factor himself for the pair's signings.

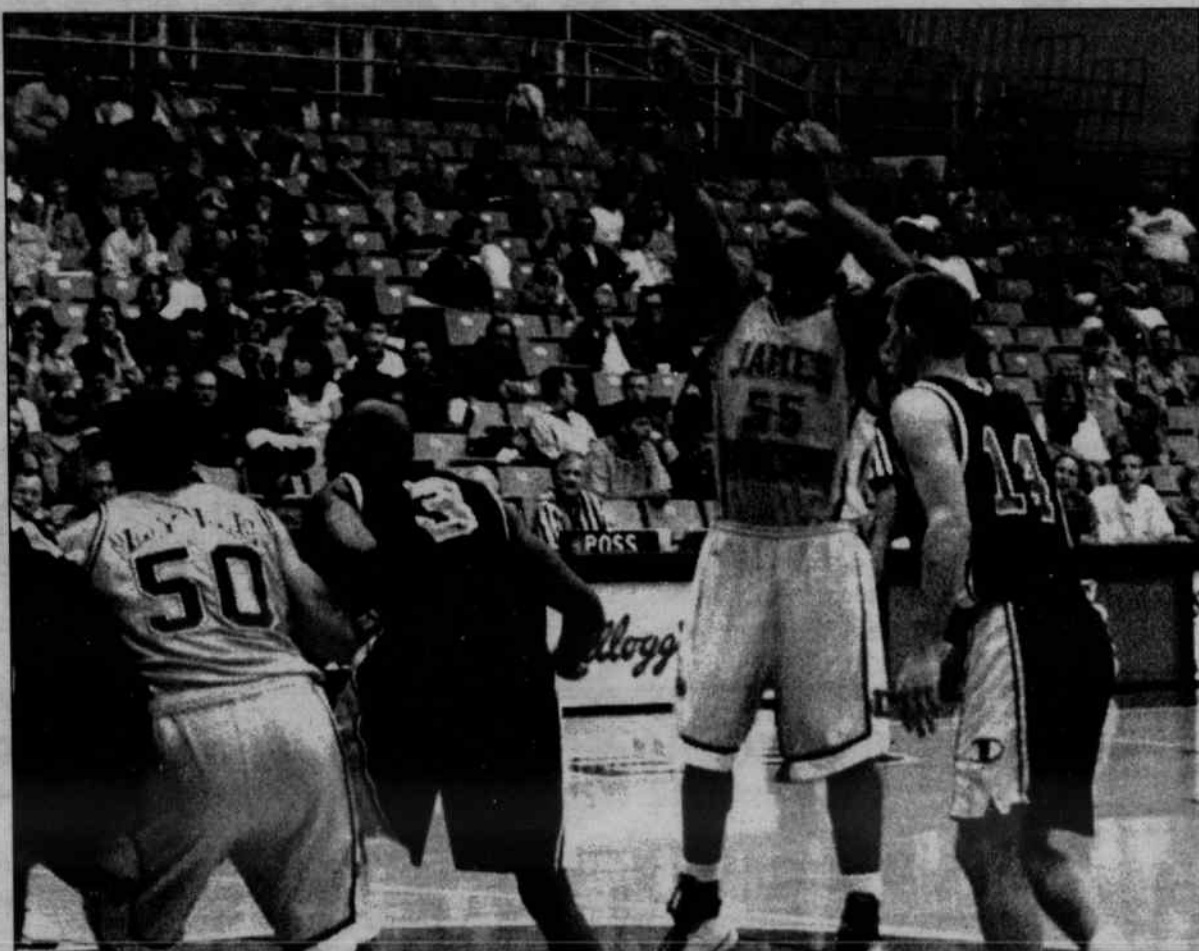
"I visited . . . and my Dad liked Lefty," said Strickland, who committed first to the school. Perry then followed suit to reunite the two men who have even lived in the same Pleasantville apartment complex since the beginning of their high school days.

Though Driesell departed JMU to coach at Georgia State University after the their first year, Perry and Strickland continued their development.

After playing in a freer, more self-empowering system at Pleasantville, the two have had to adjust to a more team-oriented, pass first and shoot second under Coach Sherman Dillard. In the Dukes' past game plans, neither Perry nor Strickland has been the first scoring option.

"High school was fun. Jamar was a point guard then and it was more razzle-dazzle," Strickland said. "We had more of a one-two connection. It's more structured here and Jamar's a shooting guard."

Perry's transition from the point to the two-guard position has been relatively smooth, as he led the team last season with 54 three-point conversions (out of 147 attempts). As the Dukes' second-leading returning scorer, behind senior Jabari Outtz (15 ppg), Perry, who along with



ALEX VESSELS/photo editor

Senior center Rob Strickland will once again be the man in the middle for the Dukes. Touted as the best defender in the CAA by college basketball magazines, Strickland has to come up big for JMU.

Outtz started a team-leading 25 games, will look to improve both his statistical and leadership assets for a generally inexperienced team.

"I need to take more of a leadership role and be aggressive every minute of the game," Perry said.

Dillard agreed, saying, "I've asked him to take a step forward and be a little more assertive, particularly on the offensive end. [He's] probably impressed me more than any returning player at this point."

Much of JMU's success in improving upon last season's 16-11 (9-7 CAA) record will depend upon the physical presence of Strickland. A starter in 18 games last season, the 285-pound center is expecting to improve upon his sixth-best 5.7 ppg and 6.7 rebounds per game in 1998-'99. Both statistics bested his numbers from the previous season, but need to be even higher considering he is the Dukes' only upper-classman above 6 feet 8 inches.

"There are two Rob Stricklands," said Dillard. "There's one that we see in practice that, at times, will dominate inside. He's very physical inside— he'll catch [the ball], drop step, and dunk on someone. We've been trying to get him more consistent. When people get to their senior year, they realize this is it, and I think Rob is there."

One area in which Strickland has more than carried his load is

shot-blocking. His team-leading 48 blocks last season upped his career total to 111 — good for third on JMU's all-time list. These numbers are a testament to his continual improvement as a defensive stopper since his days in Pleasantville.

"It's been great watching him develop," Perry said.

The consummate team player, Strickland said, "I'm definitely going to try to average in double

figures in points and rebounds, but it's more about getting the team to the NCAA tournament and the CAA finals."

Indeed, clinching JMU's first NCAA tournament berth since the 1993-'94 season would provide a fitting ending to the New Jersey hardcourt kings' collegiate careers.

After the glory of the past, anything less than winning would be quite unpleasant.



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Senior guard Jamar Perry is JMU's best shooter and averaged 12.9 ppg last year. Look for "J.P." to also play small forward.

Rob Strickland  
and Jamar  
Perry look to  
be key forces  
in the Dukes'  
success.

## Ruling the Court

### Rob Strickland

- 111 career blocked shots, third on JMU's all-time list
- Led JMU or tied for the team lead in rebounding 15 times

### Jamar Perry

- Double figures 40 times
- Fifth on JMU's 3-pointers list with 112

MICHELE JOHNSTON/graphics editor



## 1999 Colonial Athletic Asso

**1 George Mason**  
1998 Record: 19-11

Heeee's back! GMU's 28-year-old warrior, **George Evans**, is still king of the jungle. The reigning conference player of the year, Evans will be without his partner in crime, graduated point guard Jason Miskiri, but the Patriots will still be atop the CAA.

Coach Jim Larranaga vamped up his front line by bringing in the league's top freshman recruit, 6-foot-10 Canadian import **Jesse Young**.

Taking over backcourt duties for Miskiri is small fry **Tremaine Price**, who stands at a diminutive 5-foot-8.

The Patriots are the odds on favorite to get back to the NCAA tournament.

**2 East Carolina**  
1998 Record: 13-14

New coach Bill Herrion has to be happy about one thing: His team returns four starters, including the best NBA prospect in the conference, 6-foot-9 do-it-all forward **Evaldas Jocy**s.

Possessing uncanny passing ability and a deft perimeter touch, Jocy is the only player in the league capable of going toe-to-toe with GMU's Evans.

Herrion also inherits one of the league's top transfers, 6-foot-6 sophomore **Randy Barners**, an extraordinary shooter.

It's been 16 years since the Pirates made the NCAA tournament and fans have to be hoping some of the football team's magic rubs off on Jocy & Co.

**3 Va. Commonwealth**  
1998 Record: 15-16

Bonnie and Clyde. Abbott and Costello. Bill and Ted. Thelma and Louise. Taylor and Jones.

VCU's deadly backcourt of junior playmaker **LaMar Taylor** and sharp-shooter **Bo Jones** is the best in the conference. Taylor was nearly unstoppable in a CAA tournament upset of Richmond and Jones averaged 14 points per game last year.

If senior **Shannon Martin** can develop as a low post threat, Coach Mack McCarthy and his troops could be looking at a possible NCAA tournament berth.

The Rams are hoping to christen their new digs at Altell Pavilion with a banner year.

**4 Richmond**  
1998 Record: 15-12

If there ever was an omission from the CAA-first team, **Charles Stephens** was it. Maybe it was his freshman status, but the bruising forward dominated the league last year to the tune of 17 points and eight rebounds a night and was relegated to second team all-CAA. That won't be the case this season.

Stephens is among the league's best with Evans and Jocy, but will need help to push the Spiders to the top of the league.

**Kinte Smith**, a transfer from George Washington, is a great outside shooter, who will team with talented sophomore point guard **Marques Cunningham** in the backcourt.

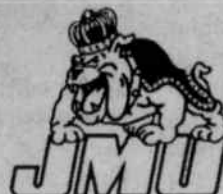
**5 James Madison**  
1998 Record: 16-11

Last year's disappointing finish to the season (three straight losses) left a sour taste in Sherman Dillard's mouth.

All he did was go out and recruit one of the deepest classes in the conference.

**Jerian Younger**, a 6-foot-8 string bean who outplayed UVA's freshman **Jason Rodgers** twice in high school, brings agility and excitement to the floor.

Freshman point guard **David Fanning** has dazzled this preseason and is poised to start while senior **Jabari Outtz** sits through a two-game suspension.

**6 Old Dominion**  
1998 Record: 25-8

No team in the CAA suffered more losses than Jeff Capel's Monarchs. Four starters graduated, including **Cal Bowdler** to the NBA's Atlanta Hawks.

However, Capel planned accordingly with transfers, so don't expect ODU to go in the tank.

Junior 6-foot-7 forward **Andre McCullum**, a former North Carolina State transfer, is the team's leading returning scorer at 9 ppg. In the backcourt, junior **Michael Williams** (7 ppg) is the lone returnee.

Capel has been known to pull off the occasional miracle, like when ODU shocked Villanova in March a few years back.

**7 American**  
1998 Record: 7-21

If you're looking for an underrated player or players in the CAA, look no further than the Eagles.

Forward **Patrick Doctor** had an impressive freshman campaign, scoring 11 points and grabbing six boards a night.

Senior guard **Jarion Childs** was also a bright spot on a dull team, scoring 9.2 points a game to go with five rebounds and four assists a night.

A possible newcomer of the year could be junior college transfer **Ronald Dodson**, who pumped in 25.2 points a game last year.

The Eagles have never made the NAAs.

**8 UNC-Wilmington**  
1998 Record: 11-17

All they lost was the best player in school history, guard **Stan Simmons**. They also lost point guard **Billy Donlon**, who killed the Dukes in the CAA tournament with clutch shooting. Throw in forward **Tadearl Pratt**, and the Seahawks are without their top three scorers.

Can you say rebuilding?

Despite the heavy losses, Coach Jerry Wainwright is a staple for one thing: defense.

Like American, the Seahawks have never made the NCAA tournament, which definitely isn't in the cards this year. The brightest spot for UNCW this year is are their teal jerseys.

**9 William & Mary**  
1998 Record: 8-19

Like UNCW, William & Mary suffered heavy losses. Out are their top two scorers from a year ago, graduated guard **Randy Bracy** (13 ppg, 4.2 rpg) and **Justin Jackette** (12 ppg), who transferred to Manhattan.

However, **Charlie Woollum** has his own human floor burn, senior small forward **Jim Moran**. He will be the center of a meek Tribe attack this year, and should improve on his 13.2 ppg and 5.1 rpg.

The Tribe did ink one of the taller freshman in the league, 6-foot-11 **Adam Duggins**, as well as shooting guard **Alex English**. Woollum's gotta hope he can play like his namesake.

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N**FIRST TEAM ALL-CAA**

George Evans, GMU  
Evaldas Jocy, ECU

Charles Stephens, UR  
Jabari Outtz, JMU  
LaMar Taylor, VCU

**SECOND TEAM ALL-CAA**

Bo Jones, VCU  
Jamar Perry, JMU

Kinte Smith, UR  
Patrick Doctor, AU  
Jim Moran, W&M

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

George Evans, GMU

**NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**

Jesse Young, GMU

PREDICTIONS BY:  
Jason McIntyre



## 1 Old Dominion 1998 Record: 28-3

What else is new? They've only won the CAA title the past eight years, so this shouldn't come as a surprise to anybody with a pulse.

The Monarchs lost three starters, but reloaded with talent.

Leading the way for ODU and coach Wendy Larry is junior post player **Lucienne Berthieu**, who can only improve on her 14 points and 7.9 rebounds per game.

Joining her up front is **Natalie Diaz**, a senior who put up 9.1 points and 3.5 rebounds last year.

To see one of the best teams in the nation, get a ticket early for their Feb. 25 game at JMU.



## 2 William & Mary 1998 Record: 15-12

With the men's basketball program mired in mediocrity, the women's team has to save face.

Senior **Jessica Muskey** is back and her 10.4 points and 2.9 rebounds should improve.

The Tribe, who should be good in the CAA but won't come close to challenging ODU for the conference title, have one of the league's top freshman in guard **Jen Sabota**, who scored 23.3 points per game as a senior in high school.

**Mary Ranone** is a good forward who averaged 10.7 points and 6.1 rebounds last year. The Tribe could finish as high as second, but as low as sixth.



## 3 George Mason 1998 Record: 13-14

If there's one given you can count on every year, it's Old Dominion dominating the league. George Mason is known better for its campus being closer to Washington D.C. than it's women's basketball program.

The Patriots return three double digit scorers from a year ago. Before her career is over, guard **Jen Surlas** could be one of the better players in GMU history.

After 15.6 points and 3.4 rebounds last year, she becomes the go-to girl. Senior **Trish Halpin** netted 12.8 points and grabbed 6.6 rebounds a year ago and senior **Chrissy Todd** went for 12.4 points and 5.4 rebounds a night.



## 4 Richmond 1998 Record: 15-13

Head coach Bob Foley lost several important players, and it could be a rebuilding year for the Spiders.

Richmond will go through a minor youth movement, led by sophomore guard **Michelle Koclanes**, who returns with 7.5 points and 1.7 rebounds per game.

The frontcourt, despite the loss of a center with an appropriate name, **Carolyn Center** (10.6 ppg, 7.7 rpg), will be led by juniors **Carolyn Constantakis** (6.7 ppg, 5.3 rpg) and **Candice Edwards** (3.3 ppg, 3.2 rpg).

While the men's team should garner most of the attention, the women will be rebuilding.



## 5 East Carolina 1998 Record: 16-13

Second year coach Dee Gibson didn't have much to work with last year, but should be stronger as they move into the millenium.

Leading the way of the four returning starters is senior guard **Waynetta Veney**, who averaged 14.2 points and 3.5 rebounds per game last year.

She will be joined in the backcourt by fellow senior **Misty Horne**, who put up 6.9 points and 1.9 rebounds a game last year.

Up front, senior forward **Danielle Melvin** will be called upon to do a bulk of the inside scoring, hoping to build on last year's 12.8 points and 8.9 rebounds per game.



## 6 UNC-Wilmington 1998 Record: 10-17

With the Seahawks returning three starters to a team that finished near the bottom of the league last year, **Bernie Flax's** club should make some noise this year.

Leading the way is perennial all-conference selection **Chandra Watkins**, who scored 14.4 points and snagged 4.6 rebounds a year ago. She could challenge for player of the year honors.

Also returning are guard **LaTonia Beale** (9 points, 2.4 rebounds) and forward **Christy Gambrell** (7.9 points, 5.4 rebounds).

A soft early season schedule could get the Seahawks off to a flying start.



## 7 James Madison 1998 Record: 11-20

There's only one way to go for the Dukes and Coach Bud Childers: up.

After the program's worst season in 15 years, Childers hopes an influx of freshmen can turn things around.

Junior **Mandy White** is the engine behind the team while the backcourt of **Allyson Keener** and sharpshooter **Jody Williams** should be able to play with the best of them when Williams returns from injury.

Sophomore **Hollie Franklin** already has the single-game block record in school history, and could shatter several other school records.



## 8 Va. Commonwealth 1998 Record: 19-11

If you're looking for a sleeper club in the CAA, the Rams could be your team. Yes, they are predicted to finish near the basement, but coach **David Glass** does return three double digits scorers.

Leading the way is sophomore **Rachelle Luckett**, a freshman who was dominant at times last year. She averaged 12.8 points and 6.4 rebounds a game.

Also coming back are senior **Marika Rasmussen** (11.4 points, 5.8 rebounds) and junior guard **Liz Remus** (11.4 points, 4.9 rebounds).

The Rams will surprise some people early in the season.



## 9 American 1998 Record: 11-16

Among the top players in the conference will be American University junior guard **Kate Miller**. She averaged 15.6 points and 4.1 rebounds last year.

Unfortunately for coach **Jeff Thatcher** and the Eagles, that's about all he's got.

Thatcher lost five letter winners last year, and has a very young squad.

The bulk of the offense will go through Miller, but also look for juniors **Jina Lewis** (7.6 points, 6.1 rebounds) and **Jamie Dowd** (3.1 points, 2.1 rebounds) to carry the load inside.



WOMEN

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### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Lucienne Berthieu, ODU

### NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Molly Williams, JMU



# Sophomores Standing Tall

*Men's forward Tim Lyle continues to focus on improving his game*

**RYAN MURRAY**  
senior writer

Freshman year is a memory all undergraduates will never forget. Moving in, meeting new people and living on your own for the first time are just some of the experiences for freshmen that can last a lifetime. Imagine all that and being named to the *Richmond-Times Dispatch* all-CAA freshman basketball team.

Last season, sophomore power forward Tim Lyle stormed onto the Convocation Center floor and never looked back. Lyle led the Dukes in field goal shooting going, 71-124 from the floor for a .573 field goal percentage. Lyle said that was just the beginning.

"If I had one word to describe myself, it would be focused," Lyle said. "This season I'm looking to be a consistent starter every night."

Although the expectations are high for Lyle this season, both teammates and coaches agree that those expectations will be reached.

"He can do it all on the court," redshirt freshman guard Charlie Hatter said. "He will dive for balls, score points and grab rebounds for us this year. The sky's the limit for Tim."

An excellent student from Poca, W.Va., Lyle averaged 7.1 points per game as well as 4.3 boards per game in his banner freshman campaign. An ISAT major with a cumulative GPA of 3.795, Lyle was a finalist for JMU's Male Scholar Athlete of the Year Award last season.

After finishing the season with a 16-11 record including a 9-7 campaign in the CAA, the Dukes will look to Lyle as one of the team leaders who can take the Dukes to the post season.

"Anything short of a CAA championship would be a disappointment for us this season," Lyle said.

Although the Dukes have four seniors highlighting the roster this season, teammates will look up to the 6-foot-8 Lyle as a team leader.

"Tim is one of the go-to guys like our seniors, even though he is only a sophomore," Hatter said.

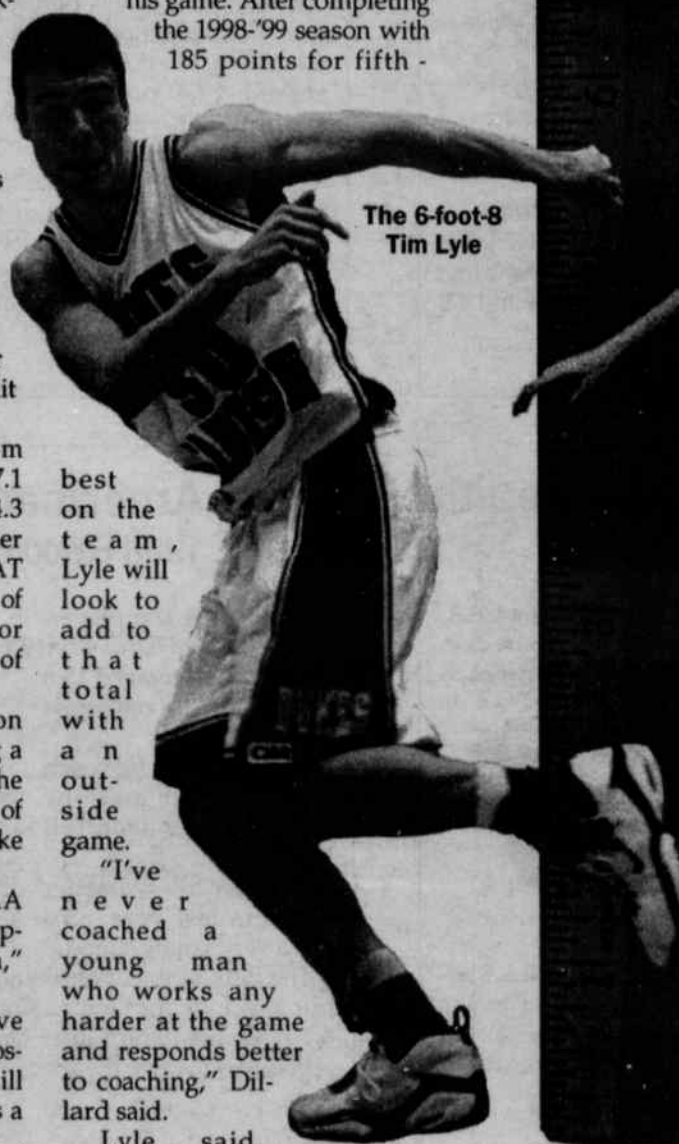
Coach Sherman Dillard agrees that Lyle has matured both physically and mentally over the past season.

"Tim had a very good freshman year, and I'm extremely pleased with his development," Dillard said of Lyle. "He's a very hard worker, he's sound fundamentally, and we expect very good things from him in his second season."

Expecting good things from Lyle is one thing, delivering them is another. Because of his dedication to the game, this task should be accomplished by Lyle this season.

"Tim is the hardest working player that I've ever coached," assistant coach Ben D'Alessandro said. "We see him improving every day."

During the offseason, Lyle did not sit on his proverbial laurels until practice began for the Dukes. In fact, he worked on adding yet another dimension to his game. After completing the 1998-'99 season with 185 points for fifth-



The 6-foot-8  
Tim Lyle

best on the team, Lyle will look to add to that total with an outside game.

"I've never coached a young man who works any harder at the game and responds better to coaching," Dillard said.

Lyle said, "During the offseason, I worked on my perimeter game. Now I'm able to post-up, shoot from the outside, grab rebounds and score."

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*Center Hollie Franklin has her sights set on shot-blocking record*

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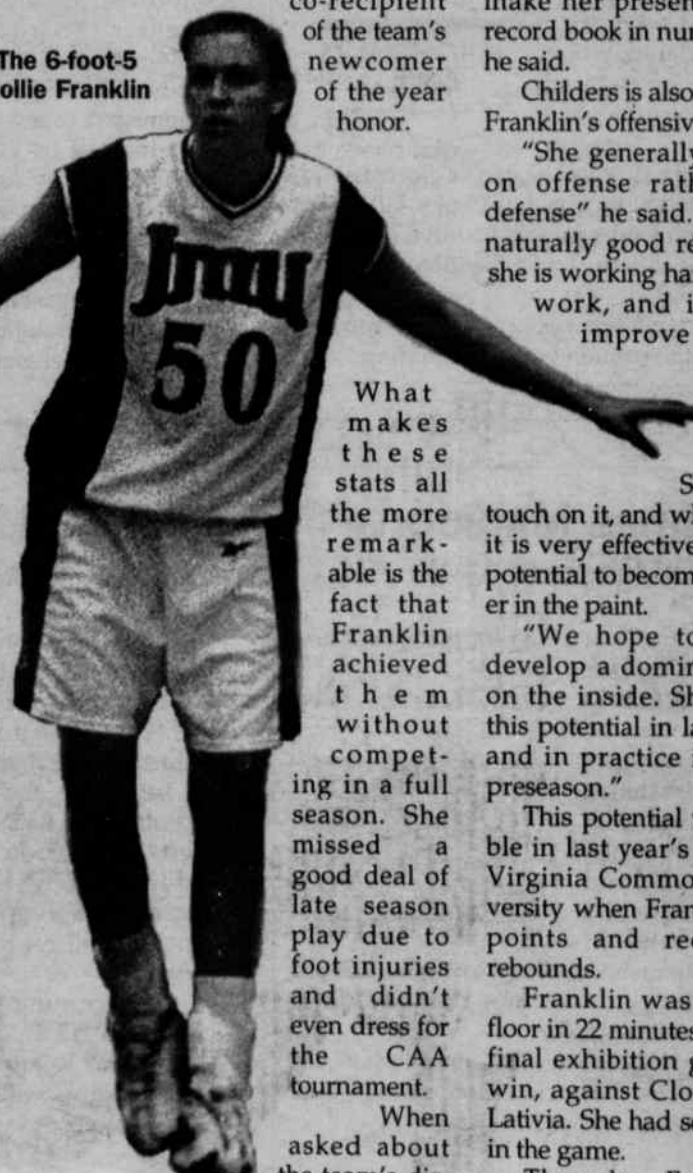
There is no shortage of excitement surrounding the prospects for sophomore Hollie Franklin's upcoming season with the women's basketball team.

Last season, Franklin emerged as one of the team's top performers. She achieved a freshman record for blocked shots in a season with 37 and was one short of JMU's overall single-season record.

She also set the mark for blocked shots in a single game with six against Virginia Tech. After only one season, Franklin is tied for tenth on JMU's career blocked shots list. On offense, she scored in double figures in seven games. Franklin was also a

co-recipient of the team's newcomer of the year honor.

The 6-foot-5  
Hollie Franklin



What makes these stats all the more remarkable is the fact that Franklin achieved them without competing in a full season. She missed a good deal of late season play due to foot injuries and didn't even dress for the CAA tournament.

When asked about the team's disappointing record last year, the soft-spoken Franklin called it "a good learning experience."

"As a team we're trying not to look back, we're looking forward," Franklin said.

In terms of the team's collective goals for the upcoming season, Franklin said, "We're taking this season one day at a time and looking to improve. We're picked to finish sixth in the conference, but we certainly want to finish higher than that."

Franklin has also set several personal goals for this season, including improving in the rebound category and of course, breaking last year's blocked shot mark.

If Franklin remains healthy and this year's performance is comparable to last year's, she should have an even greater impact on the record book.

Coach Bud Childers has high hopes for Franklin's game as well.

"She certainly has a chance to make her presence felt in the record book in numerous ways," he said.

Childers is also excited about Franklin's offensive play.

"She generally plays better on offense rather than on defense" he said. "She is not a naturally good rebounder, but she is working hard on her footwork, and is looking to improve in this area."

Lately she's developed a good hook shot.

She puts a nice touch on it, and when put to use, it is very effective. She has the potential to become a go-to player in the paint.

"We hope to see Hollie develop a dominant presence on the inside. She has shown this potential in last year's play and in practice in this year's preseason."

This potential was most visible in last year's game against Virginia Commonwealth University when Franklin scored 14 points and recorded nine rebounds.

Franklin was 1-6 from the floor in 22 minutes during JMU's final exhibition game, a 58-53 win, against Clondica Riga of Latvia. She had seven rebounds in the game.

Though Franklin has emerged as the starter early on this year, Childers emphasized that all players at the center position "compete hard every day" and other players will also have the opportunity to contribute at the center spot.



# After two years, Hatter back in action

Redshirt freshman has nearly recovered from a hand injury that almost ended his career

**MATTHEW HAHNE**  
contributing writer

After losing the feeling in his pinky and ring finger while hustling after a loose ball, redshirt freshman Charlie Hatter is back and the men's basketball team is counting on him to contribute in the backcourt.

In a preseason game during his senior year at Stuarts Draft High School in Lyndhurst, Hatter put his right (shooting) hand through glass reinforced by chicken wire in a dorm chasing down a full court pass.

"I looked down and all I saw was blood," Hatter said. "I thought I would never play basketball again."

The injury left Hatter with a lacerated right forearm and no feeling in two fingers on his shooting hand.

"He's just a remarkable story," Coach Sherman Dillard said. "I don't think a lot of guys would have been able to come back and play. He's a fighter. He's a warrior."

The doctors told Hatter that there was a possibility his basketball days were over and at best it would be two years before he stepped on the court again.

"It was hard for Charlie to come back," said assistant coach Kenny Brooks. "He had to get confidence back in his shooting hand."

Well, it's two years later and he's back.



ALEX VESSELS/photo editor

Redshirt freshman Charlie Hatter could be called upon to play point guard this year for the Dukes, but his main duties will be at the off guard position. JMU hopes Hatter is fully recovered from a hand injury to also fill the void at shooting guard.

"After the accident I realized that basketball isn't everything in my life," Hatter said. "I began to appreciate the little things."

Said Dillard of the 6-foot-4 guard: "He's fought back and dealt with [the injury] as well as anybody could have. What he

did last year instead of redshirting was he worked really hard. He worked out with weights and got a little stronger."

After sitting out his senior year in high school and redshirting his freshman year of college, Hatter is enthusiastic about

playing college basketball.

"Last year I traveled and practiced with the team," Hatter said. "I'm as ready as I'll ever be."

With the backcourt in a state of flux with the two game suspension of senior point guard Jabari Outtz, Hatter could be called upon to play some point guard.

"His finger still has some numbness in his pinky and ring finger which bothers his ball handling and shooting, but it doesn't take anything away from his competitive nature," Dillard said. "I think because of that nature, he'll have a chance to get some minutes for us."

In high school, Hatter combined 1,539 points as a freshman, sophomore, and junior before missing his senior season.

At the off-guard position, which he will be playing for JMU, he averaged 28.5 points, six rebounds, and six assists per game as a junior when he was among the top players in Virginia's Group AA.

Hatter also had six games of 40 or more points as a junior, including a career-high effort of 46. Hatter was the starting point guard as a freshman on a 21-5 squad that was among the state's

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Sherman Dillard  
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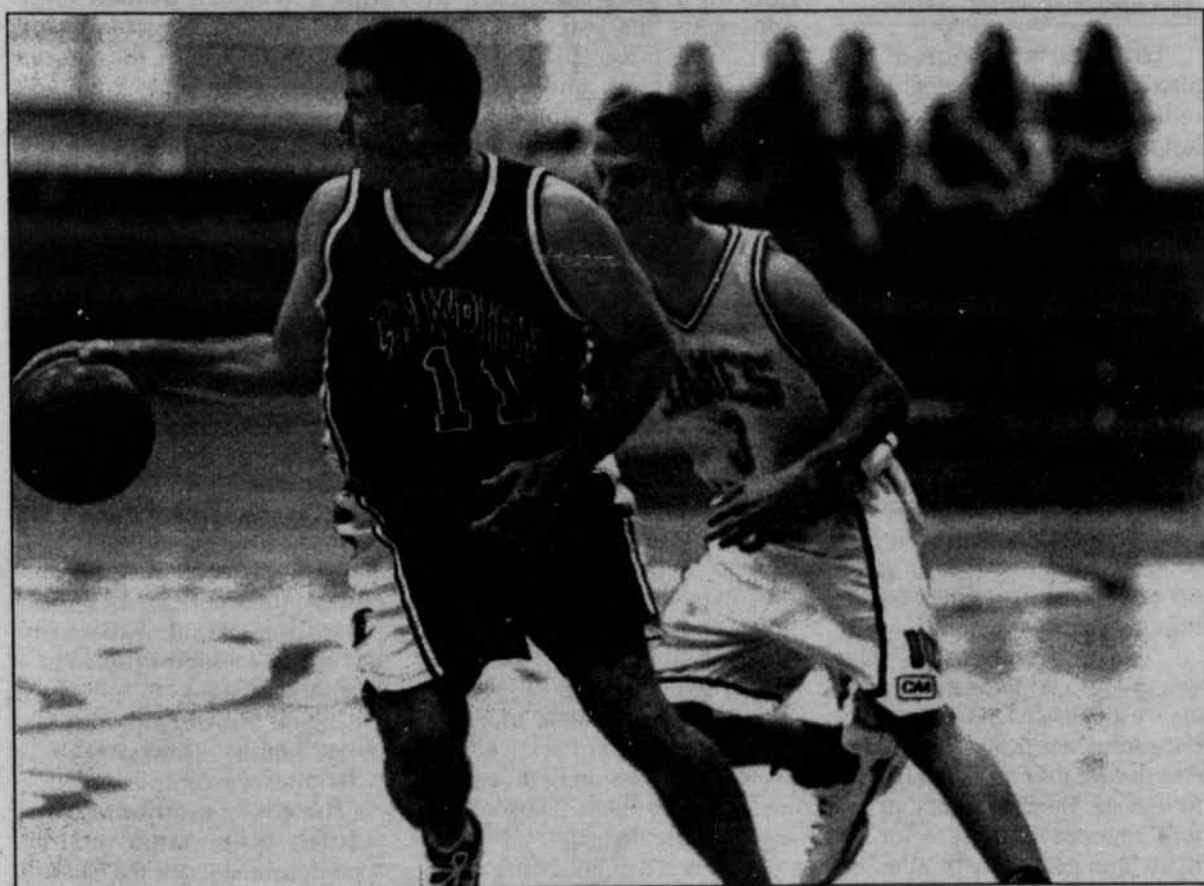
top Group A teams. The coaches are pleased with how well Hatter has recovered from the injury.

"He worked really hard this summer," said Brooks. "We are expecting big things from him this year."

In the first exhibition game of the season against Team Champion, Hatter started at guard and was a huge part of the Dukes 82-61 win.

In his 30 minutes on the court, Hatter had seven points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals.

"Hatter is an asset to the team," Brooks said. "He shows lots of hustle, leadership and maturity as a freshman."



ALEX VESSELS/photo editor

Hatter, shown here hounding a Team Champion player, brings defensive intensity to the floor. In addition Hatter was a prolific high school scorer for three years at Stuarts Draft in Lyndhurst.



# Youth movement

*Six freshmen expected to see a lot of playing time on young Dukes team*

**TOM STEINFELDT**  
contributing writer

Fans of the JMU women's basketball team will be greeted by several new faces this season, as six freshmen join the young, new-look Dukes.

And they won't have to wait for a lopsided score to see the newcomers showcase their game. On a team with no seniors, two juniors and five sophomores, the freshmen will be thrown right into the action.

But Coach Bud Childers refuses to place any expectations on the freshmen, only asking they play hard and play through their mistakes.

"Some nights are going to be brilliant, and some nights they're going to struggle," Childers said.

A mutual decision made between the coaching staff and the freshmen prevents the new future of the team from speaking to the media at this time.

"It's a temporary team rule that we are going to implement," Childers said. "They're a very capable group, but the freshmen want to avoid media distractions."

Childers said it would take about eight to 10 games for the

players to get their feet wet.

In building a competitive recruiting class, Childers' top priorities included improving his team's speed, size, quickness and ball-handling.

"I think we were able to do that with this group of freshmen," Childers said.

Hailing from Australia, Jess Cichowicz brings great versatility and a very mature level of play to the Dukes' backcourt.

Able to play all three guard positions, Cichowicz's play at the point especially impresses her coaches.

"We recruited her because she was an athlete," first-year assistant coach Dana Smith said. Smith highlighted the 5-foot-9 left-handed Australian's ability to drive and dish along with a solid three-point shot.

Cichowicz's two years of professional basketball experience in the Australia Basketball Association gives her an extra advantage over her classmates.

Childers said Cichowicz e-mailed over 20 schools in the United States looking for good academics along with basketball, and JMU was fortunate enough to receive her information.

"She's earned a good deal of respect from her teammates," Childers said.

Nadine Morgan, a 5-foot-10 small forward/guard from Georgia, looks to provide strong rebounding and defense as well as an outside shooting threat. Childers sees Morgan as a clever type of silent leader on the floor.

"She's come to us with great potential," Childers said of Morgan. "She's very physical and very athletic. She's a good ball handler and takes it to the hole real well. She plays with a level of maturity that you don't see a lot in freshmen. I think you will see her on the floor a lot this year."

Childers said Morgan and Cichowicz have stood out the most in practice.

Possibly the team's best athlete, 5-foot-9 forward/guard Shanna Price will prove her merit on defense.

"We want her to be the best defensive player," assistant coach Sharon Versyp said.

Smith said, "She'll be great when you need a defensive stop."

The biggest impact in terms of height comes from 6-foot-3

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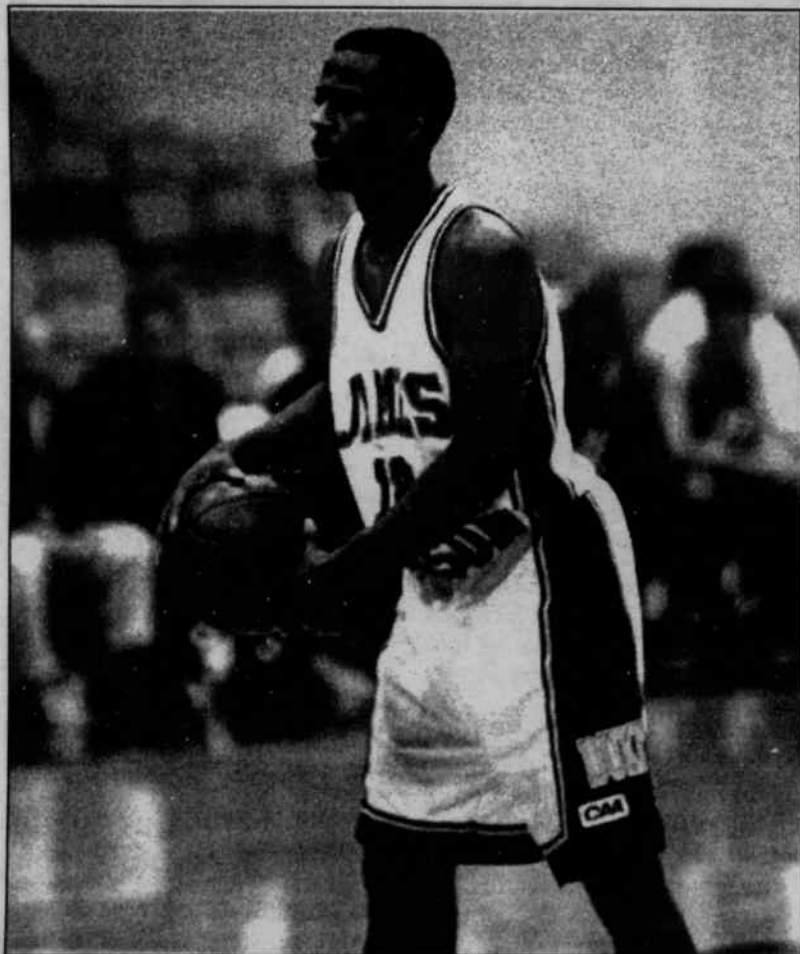


KATIE WILSON/photo editor

Freshman forward Shanna Price was an all-region selection during each of her four years in high school.

## Dillard adds top recruits to JMU roster

*Point guard Fanning, forward Younger among those expected to contribute in '99*



ALEX VESSELS/photo editor

Freshman David Fanning was a second-team All-Virginia Group AAA selection as a senior at Western Branch High School.

**DAVID BUCK**  
contributing writer

This year's version of the men's basketball team features a redshirt freshman who sat out last season because of an injury, one junior transfer and four new freshmen.

Redshirt freshman Charlie Hatter spent last year on the sideline, kept from playing by a hand injury.

Transferring from North Dakota — Willston is junior guard Mickey Dennis, who joins freshmen Ian Caskill, David Fanning, Pat Mitchell and Jerian Younger as rookies on the squad.

Assistant coach Kenny Brooks said this group of players is "one of the better recruiting classes in a long time."

This recruiting class boasts two guards and three inside players — a balanced, and hopefully dangerous, attack that will be very effective for the Dukes for the next four years. The balance of the class will also provide depth for the team this year. Depth at every position is something the team has lacked in the past.

Hatter, at 6 feet 4 inches, has the tools to play both guard and

forward, adding another variation the Dukes can throw at opponents this year. The addition of the 6-foot-10 Caskill, 6-foot-7 Mitchell and 6-foot-8 Younger bring with them quite a bit of inside presence.

Mitchell echoes the feeling of all the freshmen and Dennis when it comes to his decision to come to JMU.

"When I came down to JMU to look at the school, I felt right at home," Mitchell said. "I liked the coaches more than any other school I looked at and the leadership on this team is good."

All the players mentioned they liked the campus and school, but more importantly, they all mentioned how much they liked the coaching staff and how at home they felt when they came down here.

"When I came up to JMU for team camp a couple of years ago, Coach Dillard showed me around campus and I liked it a lot," Younger said. "The coaching staff is real good."

The recruits all come from successful high school programs and have all been given several individual awards. Caskill, Younger and Fanning were All-

State in Virginia last year. Fanning's Western Branch High School won its district last year, going on to lose in the quarter regionals of the state. Younger's George Washington High School won the state championship his junior year and was beaten in the final four during his senior campaign.

Mitchell led Gonzaga High School (D.C.) to a 29-6 record and a rank of 21st in the nation. Gonzaga won the Washington Catholic Conference last year in a very tough year and Mitchell earned a spot on the All-Metropolitan team for the District.

Dennis' team went to the national tournament last year and he was awarded with a spot on the All-American team after his scoring total after two years in junior college was over a thousand points.

"Being an All-American was a nice honor," Dennis said. "It was quite an accomplishment."

The young group must now turn its attention to making accomplishments for the Dukes.

"These guys are all very talented," Brooks said. "They need

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# Making his own legacy

*Former star player Dillard tries to make his mark as a college coach*

**TRAVIS CLINGENPEEL**  
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Sherman Dillard's office chronicles the career of the Dukes' head coach. There is a ball from his first career start at JMU. There's a ball commemorating his 2,000th career point. There are magazines featuring teams he has been an assistant coach with. But the keepsake that is most special to the general of JMU's hardwood troops is his diploma.

Graduating is the single thing that Dillard is most proud of accomplishing at JMU. Not the 2,065 points, which is still second all-time at JMU, not being a four-time honorable mention All-American by the Associated Press, not even being inducted as a member of the JMU Sports Hall of Fame.

"The grandest moment was May 1978, my graduation ceremony," Dillard said. "My mother and my whole family were here. I was the first one to graduate from college in my family ... I don't think I have the words to explain how great I felt at that moment."

The unrelenting determination that drives Dillard did not come without great cost. He earned it through hardship and challenge. He has fought his way through everything from the loss of his father when he was 12 to the foot injury that ended his senior campaign before it began.

Coming into fall 1976, Dillard was looking forward to his

fourth and final year. He had lead his team in scoring each of his past three seasons and was coming off a year that saw the Dukes make their second NCAA appearance in three seasons. Things had been looking up for Dillard, but then the roof came crumbling down.

"It was an exhibition game about this time of year against the Czechoslovakian national team," Dillard said. "I'm going in for a breakaway lay-up, I wasn't even really being contested that much, but the way I planted and took off I felt something pop and a very piercing pain."

*"Can we get back to the glory days of consistently being in the NCAA tournament? Absolutely we can."*

**Sherman Dillard**  
JMU basketball coach

Dillard had broken a metatarsal in his foot. After conferring with coaches and doctors, it was decided that his season was over.

"Initially when it happened, I was very distraught," Dillard remembered. "I thought at that point that my career was over ... I didn't know if I'd be able to get that additional year."

Yet in typical style he refused to let it get to him. Sherman used the year to redshirt and pick up a minor in business administration.

He returned to the team the following season, and for the fourth time led the Dukes in scoring.

Immediately after his graduation, Dillard began a coaching career that would have him working besides some of the great names in JMU basketball history, including Lefty Driesell and Lou Campanelli.

Dillard spent 15 years as an assistant coach at Maryland, California and Georgia Tech. He coached under Driesell, Campanelli and Bobby Cremins, respectively at the three schools. Over the 15 years spent at the three schools; he coached 10 teams that went to the NCAA tournament and four that went to the NIT. He assisted in coaching such standouts as Kevin Johnson and Kenny Anderson.

"When I became an assistant, I was fortunate to work under three outstanding coaches," Dillard said. "They were all good in certain ways, they all had certain things that stood out in their whole approach to the game and coaching."

"Lefty had a tremendous workout. He was relentless in terms of preparation for games, in terms of scouting reports and such. With Lou I learned a lot about ball control and taking care of the basketball. Bobby Cremins taught me about recruiting great athletes, about creating structure while at the same time giving them enough freedom to be the great athletes that they are."

In 1994, Dillard was given his



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**Head Coach Sherman Dillard has a 27-27 record since becoming head coach of the Dukes in 1997.**

first opportunity as the head coach at Indiana State. It was a rebuilding process to say the least, but was one that progressed quickly under Dillard's watchful eye. The Sycamores' record improved in each of his three seasons, going from 4-24 the year before his arrival to 12-16 in his final campaign at Indiana State. Then in 1997, Dillard learned that Driesell was leaving JMU and the head coaching position would be open.

"I was confident that we were moving strongly in the right direction each year. I thought the table was set for us to make a big jump at Indiana State before I made the move to JMU," Dillard said. "What factored into the whole decision to leave Indiana State on the verge of making that big jump and coming to JMU was the fact that I was coming home. I looked at this as an opportunity to fulfill a dream that I've always had of returning to my alma mater and becoming head coach."

Dillard is the first JMU alum to be head coach of the men's basketball program. His record has improved in each of the two seasons he has been here, going

from 11-16 in 1997-'98 to 16-11 in 1998-'99. Despite taking over for Driesell and having played and coached under Campanelli, Dillard feels no pressure to live up to those legacies.

"I didn't feel any pressure, I just think of it as pride. I have a lot of pride in being here at JMU as a product of the university. I want to make sure we continue to move forward as a university," Dillard said. "I'm anxious to establish my own legacy here at JMU."

These are not empty words coming from Dillard. This year will see the best team depth and versatility that he's had at JMU, not to mention the best recruiting class in years. Dillard is building a strong foundation here at JMU and is looking to the future.

"Can we get back to the glory days of consistently being in the NCAA Tournament? Absolutely we can," Dillard claimed. "We're trying to put all the pieces of the puzzle together ... in terms of the impact we can have in the conference. Trying to put all of this together to ultimately become a consistently top program, not only in this conference but also to get some national recognition."

## Coach Sherman Dillard

- Second all-time at JMU with 2,065 career points
- Led JMU in scoring each of his seasons with the Dukes
- Averaged 20.7 points per game in 100 college games
- Ranks first on JMU's career field goals list with 882
- Scored 40 or more points in a game three times
- Scored a career-high 42 points in 1975 against St. Paul's
- Scored 30 or more points in a game a team-record-tying 10 times
- JMU had a combined record of 75-29 during his playing career
- Four-time honorable mention All-American by the Associated Press
- Team co-captain as a senior
- Sixth-round draft choice by the Indiana Pacers
- Magna cum laude graduate and a three-time academic All-American
- JMU Sports Hall of Fame member
- 27-27 record as a head coach at JMU (1997-'99)



# Freshmen players to see playing time



Freshman Lindsay Warner scored 1,079 points and had 773 rebounds and a school-record 89 three-pointers while at Freehold Township (N.J.) High School.

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Molly Williams. Smith described her as a "pick-me-up person."

"Molly brings the enthusiasm to the court," he said.

Childers said he thinks Williams has all the natural abilities you want in a post player and will benefit from gaining more strength.

In regard to the attitude of walk-on Lindsay Warner, Smith said, "Anything you ask from her she's going to go out and do it."

Recruited, but not granted a scholarship, Warner's three-point specialty could place her in the limelight at the buzzer some point in the season.

"She's got some good size," Versyp said about the 5-foot-11 guard/forward.

Described as the type of player who is "a real must for us," Childers and the coaching staff have been limited to glimpses of the potential of 6-foot-2 forward Chanté Alexander.

Alexander underwent ACL surgery in March and will not see game action until December. Although only practicing at about 70 to 75 percent Childers said, she's made plays that have turned some heads.

"Chante might be the best athlete of them all," Childers said.

While questions surround JMU's unproven team, Childers has implemented a program to build a positive relationship among the freshmen and upperclassmen.

Returning players act as mentors to the freshmen, and the program yields great dividends if the players buy into it. With the upperclassmen determined to build team chemistry in light of last season's falling out, Childers is pleased with how they have worked with the freshmen on and off the court.

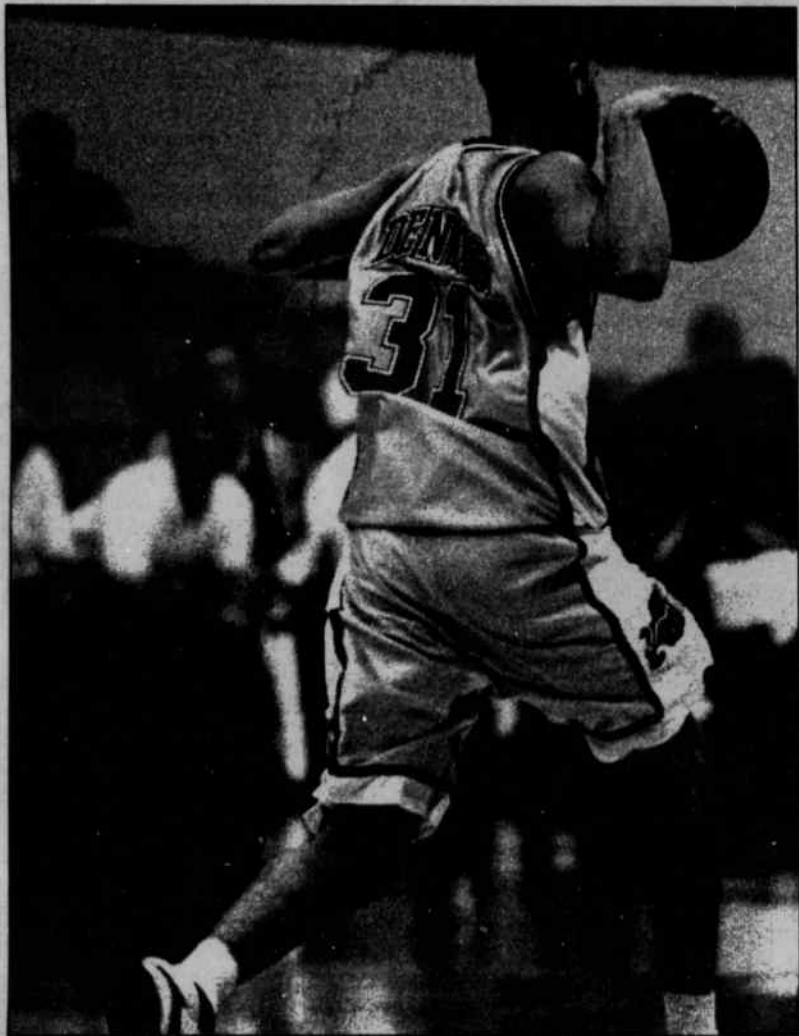
"They know the success of the team depends greatly on the contribution of the freshmen," Childers said.

Smith said of the freshmen, "Eventually, just because there's so many, they are going to become the nucleus."

## New JMU Players

- #25 Hassanah Abdullah, G
- #21 Chanté Alexander, F
- #5 Jess Cichowicz, G
- #10 Nadine Morgan, F
- #32 Shanna Price, F
- #4 Lindsay Warner, F
- #54 Molly Williams, F

# Younger, Fanning headline new class



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to learn the system and get used to playing Division I ball, but they all have good opportunities to contribute."

Younger said, "We're strong. We're versatile. Lots of guys can

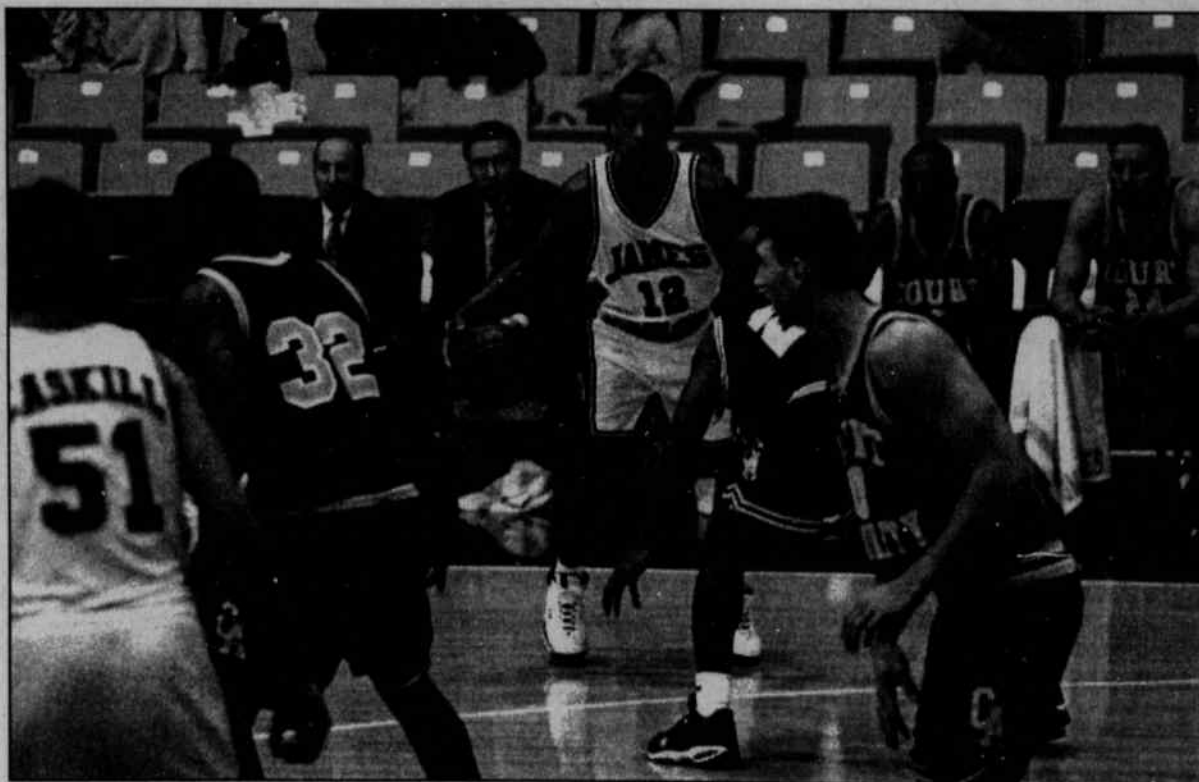
play a few different positions."

When it comes to goals for the new guys, most said they wanted to do what they could to be positive contributors to the team.

"I hope to contribute the best I can, and do my best for the

team and just help the team win," Younger said.

Dennis said, "I want to be a positive player on this team. I hope to earn a spot in the starting five and be the CAA newcomer of the year."



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Junior Guard Mickey Dennis, left, joins the Dukes after playing two seasons at North Dakota-Williston Community College. He averaged 20.0 points per game on North Dakota-Williston's 28-7 team last year. Freshman David Fanning, right, scored 2,100 points at Western Branch High School.



# Lyle emerges as outside shooter

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This new weapon in Lyle's arsenal could spell trouble for opposing teams in the CAA this season.

"Tim can present match-up problems for other teams," D'Alessandro said. "He has range all the way out to the three-point line."

Lyle's new weapon will allow the Dukes more versatility on the floor. He will have to utilize a combination of his inside game and perimeter game.

"Tim will have to continue to improve his rebounds and back to the basket game also," D'Alessandro said.

Although Lyle's dedication has taken him to new heights, he did not climb this mountain alone. His two older brothers, have played an influential role in his life.

"My two older brothers were always better than me and pushed me to get better," Lyle said.

Because of these influences, Lyle said he has realized that giving anything less than his all would be a sacrifice to him and his teammates. As a result, Lyle

is willing to give everything he has day in and day out.

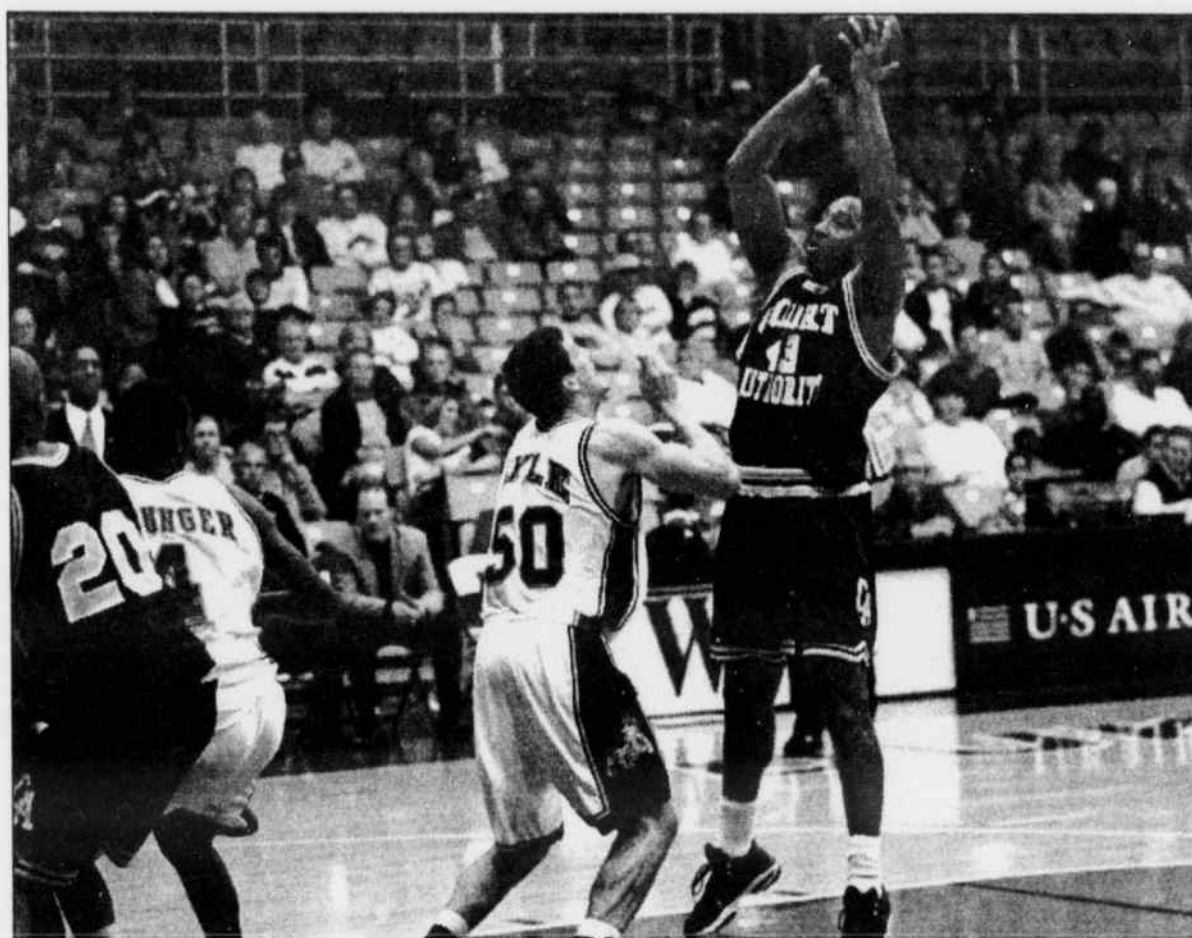
"He hustles, is very energetic on the floor and gives 100 percent all the time," Hatter said. "He is a great teammate and a great team player."

Through his dedication, Lyle has become a player that fans, teammates and coaches enjoy to watch.

"Tim is a great kid to work with who has become a crowd favorite because of his work ethic," D'Alessandro said. "He makes everyone on the floor better."

## TIM LYLE'S FRESHMAN NUMBERS

- Games started: 19
- Games played: 26
- Field goals: 71-124
- Field goal shooting: 60 %
- Free throws: 40-59:
- Free throw shooting: 67.8 %
- Points per game: 7.1
- Rebounds per game: 4.3
- Avg. minutes per game: 28.7



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Sophomore Tim Lyle improved his outside shooting this summer and could be more of a weapon facing the basket. Against Team Champion, he nailed 3-for-3 from three point land.

# Childers hoping for big things from freshmen

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can handle the point; I like what she is doing out there, she knows the court. I am real proud of (sophomore Allyson) Keener filling in at the two guard very solidly. She is such an excellent shooter, so it is a good place for her.

Same with (freshman) Molly Williams, she is gonna be a good shooter, very consistent. I feel we can count on her this season. She is a positive, natural leader out there, too. She never has a bad day, always smiling, even at 7 a.m. in the morning.

(Freshman) Nadine Morgan is gonna be strong, but she has been dealing with a groin pull the last couple of weeks, so she is not at full speed yet. (Freshman) Chante [Alexander] got some playing time in the last game, and she is still recovering from her surgery in the spring.

Once she gets more confident, she will show what she can do. She is still recovering mentally, and once she does that, she will be at full force.

I am also really excited about what sophomores Katie Hardbarger and Hollee Franklin will be doing. There will be moments when they can contribute significantly, and we

have been working on new moves with them. Hollee tried some of them this past game, like the hook shot, and she did great. Katie is an excellent three-point shooter so we are letting her experiment with that more.

Mandy [White] and Stacey [Todd] are our veterans. They have been through the wars here, and especially once we get started with our conference play, their experience will show.

Mandy just plays with 100 percent intensity out there, her knowledge and experience shows through, it's great having her out there. Same goes for Stacey, she is the ultimate role player. We can put her at about anywhere out there and she will do the job. She rebounds, she shoots, she'll have a lot of minutes.

Q: What about strengths and weaknesses?

A: Well, we are patient, and that is a good thing. For being so young, we are confident and that helps. I think we will be a good free throw shooting team and I know we will take care of the ball. There won't be excessive turnovers there. We shoot the ball OK, and that will get better. We aren't as quick as I'd like, so that's a weakness. I

think that will limit our ability to press against other teams. Rebounding is a concern right now. With our height, we should be dominating the boards more than we did these past two games, so that is something we will continue to work on.

Q: What's the tempo going to be like if you won't be pressing as much?

A: We will just have to force the tempo up, we have good size, strength, we can do it. We will be sneaking up and down the floor, but we aren't gonna put on the pressure for all 94 feet.

Sometimes we will get it and go, but we aren't really that kind of a team. My forte as a coach has always been to press, attack, use traps and play tough man-to-man defense. This year will just have to be a little more creative with those things.

We just need to find a good balance. We're gonna have to shoot some threes, I am thinking we will probably shoot about 15-20 attempts per game. That's the thing about young teams, they tend to look outside the perimeter, but hopefully we can get it inside, too. It is harder to get the ball inside, I realize, but we can power the ball in there if we

just get it to them.

Q: So, overall, you have a positive outlook on this season?

A: Oh yeah. This is a fun group. I am sure we will win some games we didn't think we would win, and probably lose some we shouldn't lose. They

play hard, and knowing they will have to play a lot of basketball together, they keep working at it. At practice, we work on one game at a time, I always tell the girls not to look too far ahead. It should be a good year.

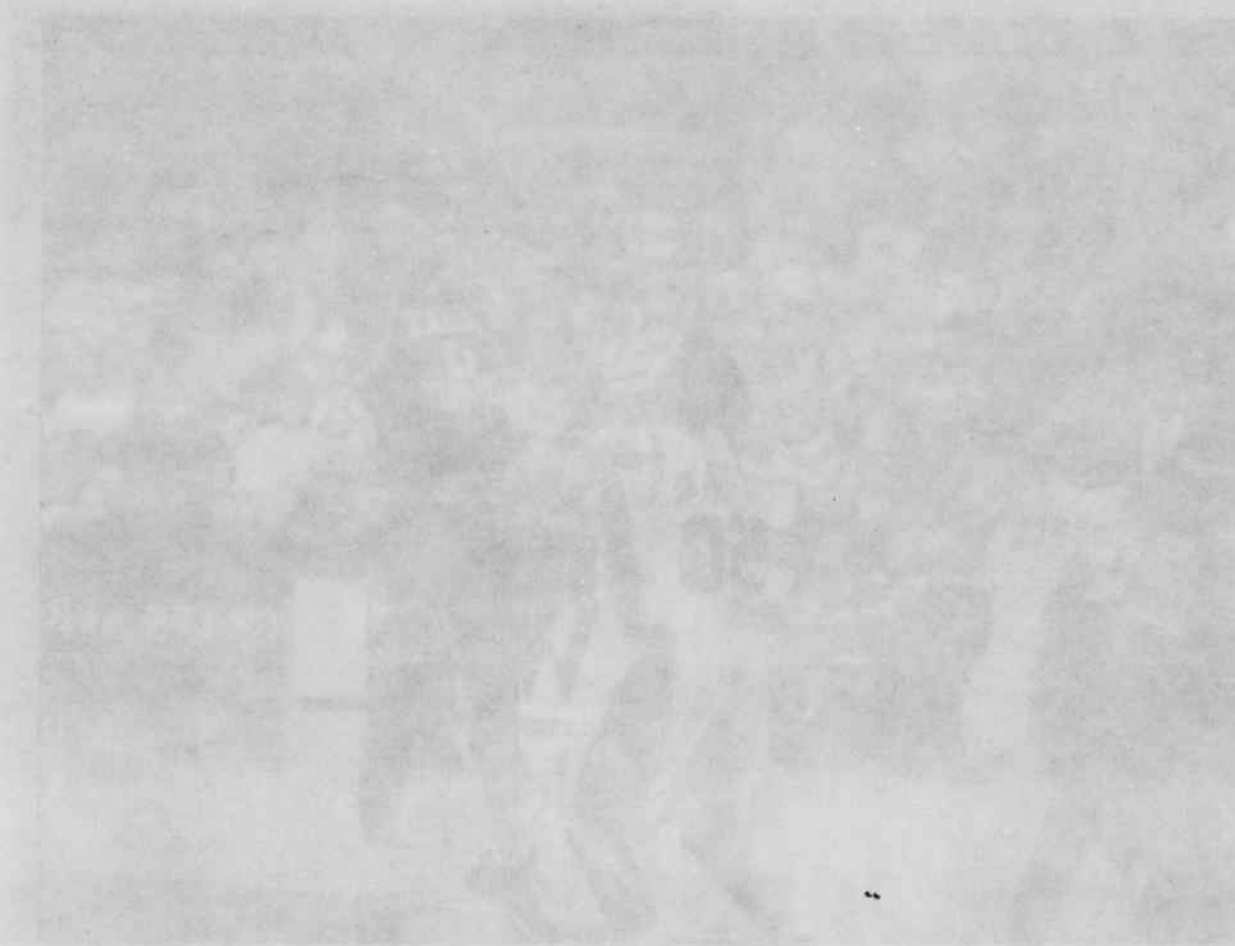


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Freshman forward Chante Alexander will be one of the young Dukes coach Bud Childers calls upon this year.



# Lyle emerges as outside shooter



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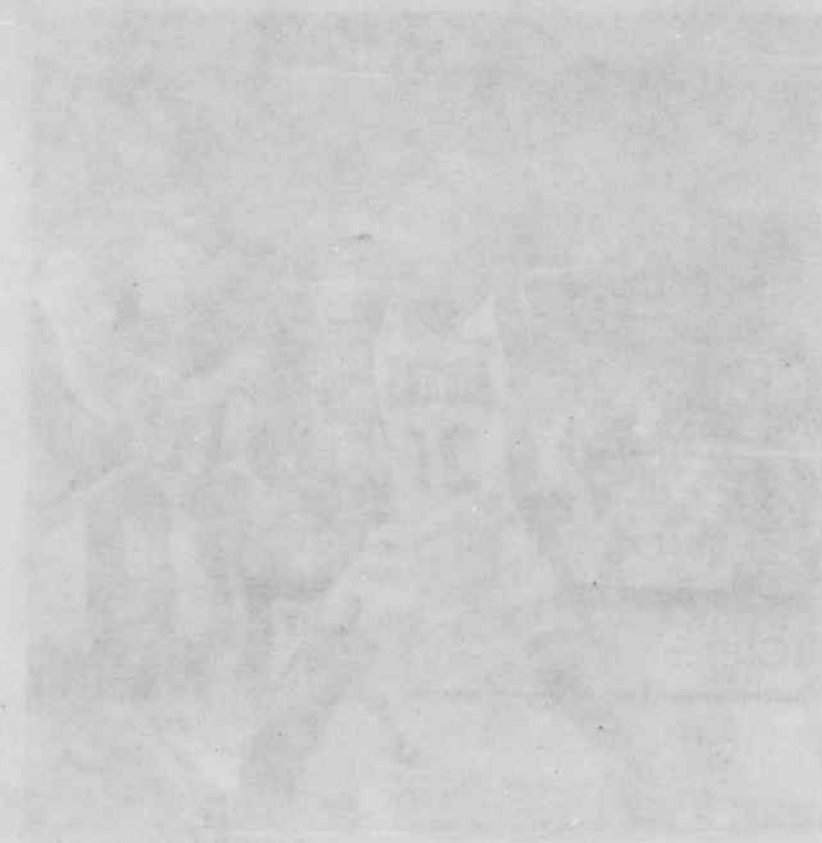
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